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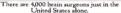
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What? Overheard at Sega

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The biggest news around here these days is segas

agreement with Time/Warner and TCI, the entertainment and telecommunications giants. The three have agreed to start an interactive entertainment channel, with Sega Genesis consoles as the control device. Imagine tuning in to the Sega Channel on cable TV and "ordering" a Sega game from an on-screen menu. Within minutes, the game appears on your TV screen, and you can play it, just like a regular cartridge, for as long as the box is turned on. See Page 77 for more details.

Genesis is

The March issue of Toy & Hobby World (the toy industry magazine) reports that the Genesis was the number one selling toy for December 1992, outranking Barbie, SNES, Troll dolls and Barney toys. And at Number 10, Sonic 2 was the best-selling software title on the list, way ahead of Super Mario Kart. Funny thing, last year the president of Nintendo was quoted as saving that he doesn't consider Sega as competition. Sounds like pretty stiff competition to us.

Embarrassed if your mom calls you at a party? If only your parents had CADS (Child Alerting Digital System). This message system from KBA Inc. consists of a base unit and one to three wrist receivers. Parents can leave up to four messages on the base unit and have them appear on the wrist receivers at a set time. CADS has a 1.5-mile range that can be extended to 5 miles. A remote unit lets your parents send messages even when they're away from home.

You just can't please everybody. Either the office is too dark or too bright, or the air is too moist or too dry, and nobody can figure out the air conditioning. It seems like the heater only works in August and refreshing gusts of cool air only come in December, Enter Automatron, the personal comfort level adjuster. "Tron" adjusts to the individual needs of those who enter it, Employees carry I.D. cards that have information on their favorite temperature and brightness. Sensors in every room detect who is in it, and automatically adjust to the needs of the individual. Tron can also restructure a whole room layout by reprogramming computers.

Just one minor point: What happens when a dozen people cram into a room for a meeting?

> Sonic his spikes since the release of

Sonic 2, you'd better think again, Sega Technical Institute, the people who brought you Sonic The Hedgehog 1 and 2, are working on something that's guaranteed to make your bumpers pop. We're talking about a new game that combines elements of pinballs and video games, to create a playing environment unlike any other. Sound enticing? Look for extended coverage of this great new game in Sego Visions later this

Oh, we almost forgot, Look for a new section on Sonic merchandise in this issue of Visions. Now you can read all about the latest Sonic gear in plenty of time to start dropping Christmas hints. Check it out on Page 84.

plans on introducing a line of candies with holographic images. The candies could be available as early as this summer.

Holographic

This is definitely one for our What Won't

They Think Of Next Dept. Dimensional Foods

of Boston, Mass. has developed a method for cre-

ating holograms out of edible substances, and

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To Err is Hum Last issue's review of Gametek's Huma

small typo - what should have been an "8" turned out to be a "5." We reported that Humans contained 50 levels, when we should have said 80. So all you guys who went out and bought what you thought was a 50-level game, you just got 30 honus levels.

Monster What was the last Godzilla flick you saw? The last

one that was released in the United Sates was Godzilla 1985. What's happened to tall, dark and radioactive since then?

The fact is, three more Godzilla films followed Godzilla 1985. Unfortunately, they were only released in Japan and not in the United Sates. The first of these Japanese releases was Godzilla Vs. Biolante. In that film, scientists created a new monster by genetically splicing Godzilla's cells with plant cells. And in Godzilla Vs. Kingghidrah, Godzilla fans got to see their hero before he was radioactively mutated (in other words when he was "only" a dinosaur).

So what about us poor Godzilla fans here in the US? Well the good news is that Tri-Star Pictures has recently acquired the rights to Godzilla and we hear rumors that they are planning a movie with an enormous budget and state-of-the-art special effects. Will it be a remake or a further adventures of 2 You'll find out when Godzilla reaches American shores in the summer of '94

What Do You Mean I'm Overdrawn? I Still Have

Checks I of the four of the fo your checkbook is for (you know, the part called the check register), you can stop wonvine about it. Panasonic's KX-RC100 CPA (for "Check Printing Accountant") does away with the

need to keep a record of each check you write. You write a check by entering the amount on the keypad; this

handy little device prints it for you and keeps track of your account balance. It also stores phone numbers, keeps track of credit card purchases, and categorizes payments (rent, electric, gas, etc). The CPA is small enough to fit in a pocket or purse, and can hold 25 blank checks. Sony, you still have to deposit real money into your account.

When Sega, Disney and Virgin Games team up to create a game, you can expect the sparks to fly. And they will later this year when Sega releases the Disnev Software and Virgin Games co-production of Disney's Aladdin, a game based on the blockbuster hit from the Walt Disney Studios. To make sure that the characters in the game have that unique Disney "touch," Disney feature animators are creating the animation sequences that will be used in the game. The sequences will then be incorporated into Virgin's game engine. This is the first time that a major Hollywood studio has contributed its animation magic to the development of a video game, and we expect the results to be nothing short of outstanding. Stay tuned for more on this unique development effort.

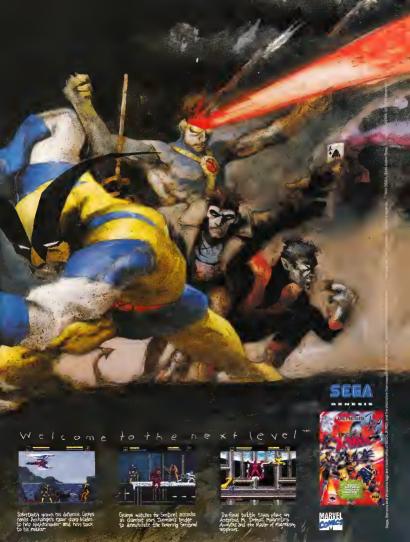
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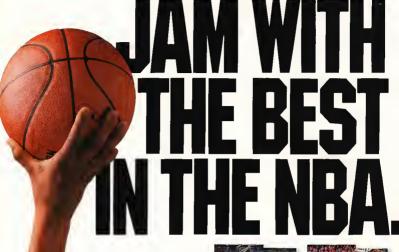
door, draw the blinds and listen carefully. The latest word is that two big names in the comic book industry have teamed up for a most ambitious proiect. No. we're not talking Marvel or D.C. Comics. Give up? Try Valiant and Image.

They might be relative newcomers, but comic book fans and collectors agree that both Valiant and Image have done a great job on their own superhero universes. The new series will be entitled "Deathmate" and will feature a balanced collection of heroes from both companies. The prologue is scheduled for release in June.

This is perhaps the hottest news since Superman's demise (R.I.P.) or Spider-Man marrying Mary Jane. Both companies will benefit from this joint venture, and so will collectors who buy multiple copies. For every 50 copies ordered, Valiant/Image are offering a free "special" version, Will it have a special hologram cover, or will it be signed by the writer and artist of the book? No one's talking, but knowing both companies it's bound to be something cool.

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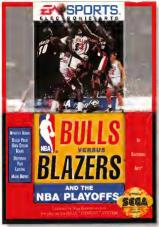
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Yo Sena!

My mother and everyone else swears that my Genesis is the sole reason for the electric bill. They believe it takes up so much energy. Will you please tell me, so I can tell them about how much energy it uses and on the average how much it costs to use it?

G.E.C., [No address]

According to one of our technical guys, the Genesis draws a constant 17 watts of power, which is just a little more than a 15-watt lightbulb. A 13-inch TV connected to your Genesis would draw an additional 60 watts, while a 20-inch TV would draw 100 to 120 watts. So depending on the size of your TV, a session with your Genesis would use about as much energy as a pair of 60watt lightbulbs. We suspect you wouldn't get as many complaints if you spent an equal amount of time doing your homework under two 60watt liehtbulbs.

Yo Sena

Later on in the future, will it be possible to connect the Game Gear unit to a television? That way, you could play a game on the Game Gear with the same control pad and watch the game graphics on the television. If it is not going to be done in the future, is it at all possible?

Sincerely, P.L., Fairfax, VA

What you're talking about is a Game Gear with video and audio output jacks, a device that presently exists only in the dreams of gamers like vourself. Although we have seen some modified Game Gears that can do this, Sega has no plans to market a Game Gear with this capability built in. It's a great idea, though, and one that we'd like to see happen.

Yo Sepal

I know you are all working hard in your jobs to make Seea Visions the best it can be. So. if you can spare a few moments. I'd like you all to know: all of us appreciate your work, S.V. rules, and so do you!

D.W., [No address]

Thanks for that vote of confidence. We set out to make Sega Visions the best Segaspecific magazine in the world, and according to our readers, it looks like we're succeeding. (OK, all you skeptics out there, this is a real letter; we have the original in our corporate vaults.)

Yo Sena!

I am really interested in buying a Sega CD, However. I have read about Sega CD as well as Mega CD. What's the difference?

J.T., Mount Olive, NJ

Sena Visions .

Mega CD is the name of the CD unit sold in Japan and Europe. Although it looks and feels the same as the Sega CD (the one sold here in the U.S.), the two units are not fully compatible. In other words, not all Mega CD software will play on a Sega CD, and not all Sega CD software will play on a Mega CD. Hiram Rodriouez

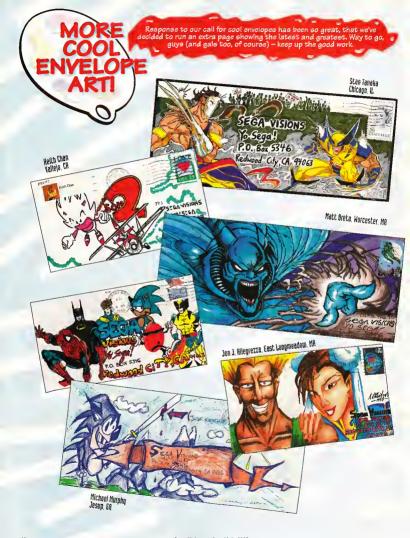


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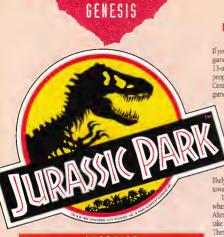


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OVERVIEW

This summer, Sega will change the way you think about dinosaurs with a new Genesis title that is as big and bad as a Tyrannosaurus Rex and as fast and cunning as a Velociraptor. A game that is loaded with more action and thrills than you'll ever find at an amusement park. It's Jurassic Park by Sega. Based on the upcoming Jurassic Park, a film by Steven Spielberg, this is a game that has been 65 million years in the making, Dinosaurs are among us once again! And you just might learn why they ruled the Earth for millions of years.

Treating Jurassic Park was no small feat. Segas game designers incorporated the ultra-latest technology to give the game a look and feet that approaches animation quality, including stop-motion modeling done with dimosaur models similar to the ones used in the movie (see The Maling of Jurassic Park elsewhere in this issue). A digitized soundtrack and sound effects round out Jurassic Park as a game like no other.

Make no dinosaur bones about it. It's awesome, Jurassic Park pits man against dinosaur, and dinosaur against man. Play either as Dr. Grant—in a mission to rescue people trapped in the Visitor Center—or as a Velociraptor

dinosaur in a quest to escape Jurassic Park. Because your adversanes display artificial dinosaur intelligence (ADI), they respond differently with every action you make, every time you play. There are few patterns and little predictability. You don't always know when a dinosaur or guard is going to appear or what they are going to do. Every time you play Jurassic Park, you'll face a new game. The Raptor that chewed you up before, may now just sniff you and move on, Maybe. Whether you choose to fight for Raptor freedom or to free the humans from the Visitor Center, Turassic Park is big, fast and full of challenges.

Playing as Dr. Grant

If you choose the human-player game, you control Dr. Grant in a 13-stage mission to rescue the people trapped inside the Visitor Center. The key to beating the game is to concentrate on getting

to the Visitor Center, not on wasting dinosaurs. In fact, you can't. The items you'll find will shock, stun or put to sleep the many different dinosaurs you encounter. Stick around too long and they will wake up most

they will wake up, most likely with a less favorable attitude toward you!

The first round is the Jungle, where your jeep has just crashed. After you get up from the ground, take a closer look at the jeep. There are tranquilizer darts by the wundshield. Reach them by pressing Down on the D-Button to crouch, then walk to the datus. You'll find other terms at various points throughout the game. Items include Stun Gruns, Gas Grenades, Super Datts and Flash Grenades.

Although there are seven main types of dinosaur in the Park, the three you have to worry about most are Tyrannosaurus Rex, Spiters and Raptors. T-Rex is big, mean and hungry Spitters "spit" green venom with uncanny accuracy. And Raptors are unique. They are fast, highly intelligent and the most dangerous adversaries you will face.



Add these Tranquitizer Barts to your inventory before you do anything else.



The Triceratops is the first dino you encounter. You can get past him if you are tast on your teel.





Hold down the Jump Button when you leap for ledges, to hang and pull yourselt up.



Pterodactyls move in quickly. Listen tor the sound of their wings for a split-second warning, then try to jump Up to avoid taking a hit.



Raptors are bigger, meaner and powerful. Compys are small and run in packs.



Crouch and Push boxes and other objects to gain access to areas you normally could not reach.



You can climb vertical potes, vines and ladders to reach hortzontal surtaces tor hand-over-hand travel.



Spitters can hurt you trom long range with their poisonous, green, globlike spit. Four zaps with a Stun Gun will stun them for a short time.



Always be aware of places to hide. The Raptor can't reach you when you are in the Power Station's sub-level shafts. But you can still use ftems on



It the Compys gang up on you, try pressing Left and Right rapidly on the D-Button to shake them off.



Search the River Level carefutiv. You'll find a tot ot Items here, Including gas for your river boat.



This Pump Station herbivore is harmtess



Jungle vines are a handy way to travel across chasms and other hazardous obstacles.



First Aid boxes will recharge Grant's

Electric shock is a constant danger in the Power Station level. Try to time the discharges and Jump for Its



Five or six Stun Gun blasts will knock down a Rantor, but they don't stay down for more than a second or two.



Stun Gun

The Stun Gun gives dinosaurs a shock, stunning them for a lew seconds.



Gas Grenades

Good for gutting a snooze on groups of smaller dinos, tike Compys.



Tranquilizer Darts

A few direct hits will send most dinos toto stumberland,



Flash Grenades

Make a big bang and tiash, stunning dinosaurs momentarity. Move tast!



Super Darts

Good right to even the largest behemoths.





D-Button moves Grant around. Press Down to make Grant crouch. Pressing Up or Down allows you to see higher or lower on the screen. Button A to Jump, tire, or setect Items

Button B to jump, lire, or select

Button C to jump, fire, or select

Select button configuration in the Option mode,





The Claw Slash is your main means of offense.



You may even have to hattle your own kind.

Playing as a Raptor

If you decide to play Junasic Park as a Raptor, you put a whole new focus on your gaming experience. Your object now is not rescue, but escape. You are a Raptor, the most intelligent, mobile dirossur in Junasis: Park. You are trapped in a holding cage. Lightning frees you. Now you must battle Park Guards and other obstacles as you make it through 13 levels of Junasis: Park to a ship that will carry you to the mainland.

In the Raptor game humans are your main adversaries. Since you are a dinosaur, you cannot use the tems humans use against you. You have to follow a whole different train of thought and use the

strengths of your powerful reptilian body.

What are the advantages of being a Raptor? You can move fast. Very fast. You have long, powerful legs that allow you to jump to high places, and strong claws to grasp or tear at your adversanes. You are also very mobile. And while you can't use human items, you can move blocks, boxes and other objects to allow you access to different areas of the game. Playing as a Raptor allows you to experience what it is like to be a life form that has not walked the earth for 65 million years. We think it will drive you wild.







Leap to higher levels by Jumping with the D-Button in the appropriate direction and holding Button B. You will automatically grab the edge and pull yourself vo.



Meat replenishes your lite meter. Raptors need to snack often.

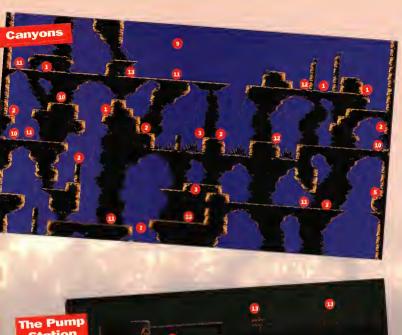


Jurassic Park Maps

The grounds of Jurassic Park are big, treacherous and loaded with danger. The items and placement are different depending on whether you play as Dr. Grant or Raptor, Here's what you can expect to find ... or encounter...in the first few levThe

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- 2. Super Darts
- 3. Flash Grenades
- 4. Gas Grenades
- 5. First Aid
- 8 Extra Lite
- 7. Brachiosaur
- 8. Triceratous 9. Plerodactvi
- 10. Compvs
- 11. Raptors
- 12. Spitter 13. Stun Gun **





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Imagine a man-made natural reserve where dinosaurs of all shapes and sizes roam, living as they did 85 million quears ago. The raptors, fast and intelligent with razor-sharp claws, stalking through the jungle, and pouncing on their unfortunate prey with unbelievable speed. The triceratops peacefully grazing in the undergrowth. And the Tyranosaurus Rex, the ultimate predator, standing SO the tall and with a bad temper to match. This is Jurrassis: Park

n an unmarked office building about 15 miles from the San Diego Zoo, a team of dedicated artists, programmers and game designers is putting the finishing touches on a different kind of zoo, one that can exist only in the imagination. Blue Sky Software, the developers of Jurassic Park for the Genesis. have spent more than a year creating a world unlike any other, the ultimate natural reserve populated by creatures long extend.

Such an immense undertaking can succeed only with dedication, tearnwork and taken. Fortunately, Blue Sloy has all three qualities in abundance. Over the course of the last 15 months, a core group of a dozen very talented individuals has been working together to bring Genesis owners the ultimate garning experience, a video game based on Steven Spielberg's blockbuster movie. Jurossik Park.

Game Design

Just as a movie begins its life as a script, a video game begins with a design. In the case of Jurasic Park, game design was the combined effort of Jesse Taylor (the producer), Dana Christianson (the art director) and Doug TenNapel. After considering several possibilities, the design team settled on a classic side-scrolling game, in which Grant, the player's after ego, has to advance through seven levels to reach the final goal and save the park. As we shall see a little later, what makes this side-scrolling game different is the amount of artificial intelligence (or "AI") that the programmers have given the prehistoric creatures. The Jurassic Park dinosaus not only look lifelike, but they act as though they have mands of their own.

The Jurassic Team

You don't have to be a dinosaur fanatic to be a member of the Jurassic Park team, but it helps. Every member of the team has studied dinosaurs, has visited Natural History museums, and has read widely on the subject. They have even taken field trips to the San Diego Zoo, not in the hope that they would find real dinosaurs there, but to study how other animals are maintained in captivity.





Of the 12 people involved in this project, no less than nine are graphic artists and animators. The lead artist in the group, Doug TenNapel, has been a carroonist and comic book artist for years Among his credits is the Saturday morning carnoon show The Attack of the Killer Tomatose. Doug, who stands about six feet eight inches and vaguely resembles a pterodacryl, is responsible for coordinating the entire graphic effort. When you realize that most of the effort in creaming this game has gone into the graphics, you understand the importance of his role. Let's pay Doug and his team of artists a visit and take a behind-the-scenes look at the making of this awesome game.



Character Animation

Once the game design was buttoned down, it was time to start animating Grant and all the creatures in the game. Because Grant is the central character, a lot of the effort went toward animating his movements. In fact, Grant has over 50 separate animation sequences, with different movements for walking, running, climbing, jumping, falling and so on.



Digital Cloning

While it's relatively easy to create animation sequences of a person, creating animations of creatures that have been dead for more than 65 million years is a different kind of challenge. To understand how these longextinct creatures moved, Doug and his team of animators consulted the same experts used by Steven Spielberg for the movie

Each one of the prehistoric creatures used in the game had to be studied in detail, noting their size, shape, mass and anatomy. To make their task a little eas-

ier, the team made use of models similar to the ones used in the production of the movie. By using stopmotion photography (where the model is moved by a small increment and then photographed), the team was able to create animation sequences of all the prehistoric creatures used in the game.













A Little Background Information

While some of the artists were working on the animation sequences, the rest of the team were busy creating the backgrounds. Each level in the game has a different background, some of which extend to 20 or 30 Genesis screens.

Backgrounds are created with a computer paint program, and then compressed using a "tiling" technique. Tiling is a process which breaks an image down into a small number of tiles, which are then combined to recreate the original image. By using a smaller number of tiles over and over (and by flipping and rotating tiles), the background artists can fit bigger, more complicated backgrounds into a cartridge. (At 16 megs, Jurassic Park is one of the biggest carts ever produced by Sega. By using tiling and other compression techniques, the developers have been able to cram even more onto the cart.)





Animating Grant was fairly straightforward. Team member Mark Dobratz was videotaped in front of a neutral background while he made all of Grants movements. Selected frames of the videotape were then digitated and led into a computer, where the graphic artists could manipulate the images further, compressing the data, modifying the colors and fine-tuning the movements. The result was a smooth ammanon sequence for each of the movements that Grant needs to make.





Music and Sound

The dimension of sound is as important to video games as it is to movies. It is even more critical for big action games like Jurassic Park, where the sound of a Stun Gun or the roar of a Tyrannosaurus can add depth and realism to the game play. In addition, the sound of the jungle can provide subtle clues for the observant player - a creak in the undergrowth or the hiss of an agitated raptor can let the player know what might be coming down the road. These sound effects, together with Sam Powell's musical soundtrack, will help make Jurassic Park a phenomenal gaming experience

Get with the **Program**

While the rest of the team is creating the animation sequences, the backgrounds, and the sound and music, the programmers have been busy creating the environment that will serve as the basis for the game. First, they have to create the "engine" for the game, the instruction set that defines the type of game (sidescrolling), the types of backgrounds and the kind of control available to the player. Once the basic game engine is established, the programmers set out to define the kind of behavior patterns available to the characters in the game. This is what is referred to as artificial intelligence, the characters' ability to exhibit lifelike behavior, giving them depth and dimension.

Unlike the characters in most video games, the enemies in Jurassic Park do not always follow predictable patterns. For example, under some circumstances, a raptor may do nothing more than sniff Grant before turning around and walking away; on other occasions, the same raptor might pounce and attack without hesitation. The actual response depends on various factors, such as the level in the game, the player's sophistication and ability, and the type of dinosaur. Because the raptors are the most complicated creatures in the game, they have almost a dozen factors affecting their responses. This makes them appear wilv and cunning, since their behavior is not always easy to predict.

The other dinosaurs in the game also exhibit AI to some extent. Without AI, they would respond the same way under all circumstances, making their behavior flat and mechanical. What this means for the player is a game that is consistently challenging for all levels of playing ability.

Putting the Whole Thing Together

So far, we have seen how each game element is created: the animation sequences by digitizing live models or through the use of stop-motion photography, the backgrounds with a computer paint program and tiling techniques, the sound and music, and the programming. The next step is the combination of all these elements into a playable game. This process, which is a critical step in the creation of a well-balanced and challenging game, requires the combined efforts of the artists and the game designers.

As background artist Mark Lorenzen scrolls around the background of one of the levels, the game designers specify the placement of the dinosaurs and the other game elements at various points. Not only do they need to decide which of the dinosaurs should be placed at each critical spot, but they also have to decide which animation sequences to use.

For example, they might decide to place a raptor at a critical intersection, blocking Grant's path, Which of the 20 or so animation sequences they would use at that intersection depends on how Grant will need to act in that situation. One sequence might have the raptor turning toward Grant and hissing. This might be followed by the raptor rearing up to attack and then charging Grant at full speed. It would not be unusual to have six or more animation sequences at a critical point in the game, with each one tied to a specific action by Grant. Of course, the sequence that most gamers will want to see is the one of the raptor falling over, stunned by Grant's Stun Gun.

The Finishing **Touches**

As with any video game, the last few hectic weeks of the project are spent fine-tuning and polishing the game play, and eliminating "bugs," those insidious little software glitches that can cause unpredictable results. Sega's test group spends hundreds of manhours playing the game and reporting any problems they find to the development team. Finally, after weeks of tuning and bug-squashing, the game is ready to be manufactured and shipped to the anxiously awaiting gamers all around the world.

Want to know more? Check out the exclusive review on page 14 of this issue."

BATMAN RETURNS ...ON SEGA CD.

"The game is truly the Next Step in the CD-ROM Evolution...Hats off to Sega for all the effort and creativity!"

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JOE MONTANA'S NFL FOOTBALL

OVERVIEW

Welcome to The Next Level of CD sports! Joe Montana's NFL Football CD from Sega is the first sports title for the Sega CD. An all-new 3-D Behind-the-Quarterback view brings you right down onto the field. A killer soundtrack will surround you with the crunch of the pads. Digitized video commentary and advice from Joe Montana himself will get you moving in the right direction. And an official NFL license gives you all your favorite teams. What more could a sports nut want?

magine yourself on the field. coming out of the huddle. The snap...the throw....Touchdown! The crowd goes berserk! The most amazing lacet of this intense new title is the feel. The game perspective is that of the Quarterback. You can look left and the game will scroll left Look up the field and you see your wide receiver from the right perspective. The zoom function makes fantastic use of the Sega CD's hardware capabilities. Add to this the actual NFL teams, plays straight from the playbooks of NFL offensive and defensive coording. tors, and league play with true playoff structure. What you get is the best football simulation ever.

Sega worked closely with Joe Montana to produce the game's digitized comments and critiques. He'll congratulate you on a winning play. You can ask for advice during time outs. In addition to tips, loe does all his color commentary in digitized video form.

This game has Ioe larger-thanlife in great form. You'll have all the most recent stats, save-game ability and a kicking soundtrack that includes samples of true NFL play-from bone-jarring

crunches to the roar of the crowd. If you don't want the added commentary or game tunes, you can turn them off. The players themselves have amazingly accurate moves, all fully rotoscoped, and the animations are very very cool. You'll see helmets getting knocked off, a terrific helicopter spin and some fantastic end-zone antics.

The game is for one or two players and will let you save configurations. Once you've won the Super Bowl you'll qualify to take on 10 of the greatest teams of all time. The teams included are: the '67 Packers, the '68 lets, the '72 Dolphins, the '76 Raiders, the '77 Cowboys, the '78 Steelers, the '84 'Niners, the '85 Bears, the '86 Giants, and last, but not least, the '92 'Skins. The list itself is incentive to take a team to the Super Bowl!

Overall, it's not just the terrific stats or the fantastic sounds that make this such a great title-it's the three-dimensional environment. The impact is spectacular and it allows a real close to the action, smell-the-grass perspective. From kick-off to the final play, this is a true football game for true football fans



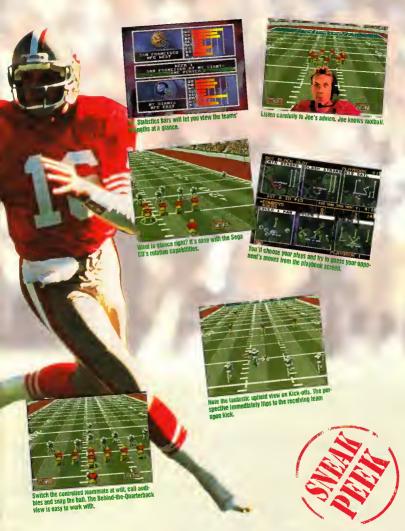




It's up....It's good! Can you hear the cheers?



advice. He's all Joe.



OVERVIEW

Grab your six-shooter - or your Sega Menacer - and get ready for the Wild West shoot-'em-up that promises to beat all shoot-'em-ups: Mad Dog McCree is headin' into town, Mad Dog McCree will be the first of American Laser Games' arcade hits to be converted to the Sega CD... and it looks like a day in the Wild West will never be the same. The interactive-style gun-slingin' action in this full-motion video game will make it great for the Sega Menacer, This level of player interaction is something Sega gamers are hankerin' for, Of course, Mad Dog McCree will play just fine with the control pad... just a little tamer, You will even have a two-player option, with the players taking turns on each shootout. Round up a pardner, cinch up your gunbelt and get ready to face some mean hombres.

Gunfight at the KO Corral

Folks in town are plumb scared to death. Mad Dog McCree and his band of cutthroats are headin' their way and the sheriff ain't near mean enough to handle one of Mad Dog's men, let alone a whole gang. What this town needs is a gunslinger... you, Save the town - and the Mayor's daughter and get your hard-fought rewards.

But first, get in some target practice. Mad Dog McCree will give you plenty, hast line up the bottles, then let 'er rip with your Menacer

In town, you'll get your choice of four different areas to clean up: the Saloon, Sheriff's Office, Corral and Bank. The game's outcome





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Looks tike you're outnumbered three



will depend on the paths you

choose. Sneak peeks at Mad Dog

with amazingly vivid movie deaths

of the bad guys you exterminate,

like the guy who tumbles off the

roof of the Saloon. Shoot one of

the innocent townspeople and you

will see footage of the undertaker

completing the burial, then telling

you how many remain of the one-

inal 62 people you're supposed to

be protecting. Get killed yourself

Want to be buried with your boots

and you'll visit the undertaker.

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McCree reveal it is jam-packed-

You will start with three lives and six bullets. You can add to your store of lead by shooting any cow skulls or spittoons you see. Continues will also be available. Rescue key folks from Mad Dog's gang and they'll give you hints on how to proceed next. You'll visit eight stages of the Old West in all. And this is authentic Old West -Mad Dog McCree was shot on location in New Mexico, which lends the game a spectacularly realistic look and feel.

So, get ready to grab your Menacer and join the crowd that's gathering to send Mad Dog scurrying. What more fun could a varmit-hustin' kid want?



Show 'em how wett your target gractice has paid off. Peg the bad guys holding the bank clerk and customers hostage.



Watch your back! You never know when one of Mad Dog's men will show un.



Stick with the sheriff. Mad Dog's mon just lovo target gractice with tin stars.

Take a Drive Off the Deep End with Road Avenger!

Take it to the extreme. Road Avenger for the Sega CD gives you the license to do whatever it takes to wipe S.C.U.M. (Secret Criminal Underground Movement) off the highway. Ever smash a car through a hotel lobby? Spin off a bridge at high speed? How about tearing up the beach on the tail of perpetrators? Now's your chance! Gear up for the ultimate hot pursuit. Road Avenger, so much fun it should be illegal!

- · Full CD soundtrack!
- · Digitally recorded stereo sound
- puts you right in the game!
- In your face close-ups!
 Over 30 minutes of full
- motion animation!

 Heads-up-display keeps your eyes on the action!
- Nine rubber burning stages!
- Head spinning 360





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The Terminator has been e popular figure in video games on all platforms the past year. Now he comes to the Sega CD in e version that definitely reaches The Next Level in graphice, sound and game play. Virgin Games' new Terminator CD is e winner! Take Kyle Reese from e future war between humans and mechanicals back to the past to protect Sarah Comer's unborn child. This explosive run-andgun, single-player action title has spectacular graphics, an amazing QSound soundtrack, digitized intermissions from the film and terrific game play. You'll fall in love with this game faster than you can sey "I'll be back."

If you saw the onginal Terminator film, you know the storyline. Kyle Recese is sent on a trip to the past by the leader of the Human Alliance. His purpose is to protect his future leader from an early termination while still in the womb of Sarah Conner.

Guide Kyle from a deadly future of bombed-out buildings, underground bunkers and mechanical killing machines to a past rife with crazed gangs, cops who don't understand, killers on every corner and finally—against the Ierminator himself



Take all the 1-Ups you tind. You'll need them. The gamo gets very tough...very ouickly.

If you play Terminator CD through your stereo equipment, you are in for a real treat. The recording was mastered using QSound^{5M}, a new technique that widens the listening area to give you full three-dimensional impact

with only two speakers. When you fire Kyle's weapon, you'll hear the shot and the projectile hit in areas around you. This is quality beyond compact disc-based digital stereo.



One grenade will take out these metal arachnids. Just be sure you are back far enough when you throw, because the grenade will arc over your enemy if you are foo close.

On your way through you'll collect plenty of health bonuses, weapons power-ups and grenades. The background graphics have scads of parallax scrolling. Kyle has amazingly realistic movements that are fully rotoscoped, created using the most recent Silicon Graphics technology. Just watching his trench coat flapping is a real treat. Terminator adds up as one of the best action titles on the Sega CD this year. Battling mechanized wantiors has never been so much fun.



Duck behind the jeep and the hell cooler won't even notice you.



be caretul when you crear out this bly machine gun. You have the Terminator to contend with next.



At the end of level libree, you'lt find a big mechanical laser. You need it to open the right-hand wall by tiring at you. Stay low and jump the blasts. Go right when he has opened a twoor three-shot hole.



This proximity alarm calls out th froops. Take it out quickly.







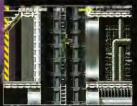
Wken Ikese energy Helds are orange, Kyle can pass through safely. When they have a white center bar, avoid them.



To take out level two's boss, lire constantly while killing the Jump button. There are two target areas—one low and one kigk.



Don't botker shooting these atroome weapons platforms. Duck the kigk ones and jump the low ones.



Ckeck att levets when you search through buildings. You'll usually find Grenades, First Aid boxes and powerlul exotic weapons.

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SEGA CD



OVERVIEW

Dracula on the Sega CD challenges you to enter the Prince of Darkness' dangerous, eerie world...and The Next Level in video games. Dracula from Sony Imagesoft uses the hightech graphics and sound advances of the CD well. This oneplayer game draws heavily from the feature film Bram Stoker's Dracula, with digitized intermission scenes and stereo soundtrack from the movie, computer-generated 3-D models using blueprints from the movie set and digitized live actor modeling for the main character, Jonathan Harker. Harker's tife-like movements combined with the 3-D graphics add an exciting realism to Dracula. There are places in the game where the background rotates as Harker turns a corner, Dracula on the CD is game playing at its best.

s the 19th century vampire hunter Jonathan Harker, you will battle Dracula and his minions through seven spectacular levels Ultimately, you must destroy the odeleat the undead. He has no ula and release your kidi Lucy, who has joined as the Your vampin by the reasons of Travel to Castle a danger-ous journey the egra dark, eerie forest. Once you've traversed the forest, you enter Castle Dracula, where you battle evil of all shapes and sizes, including bog creatures, Dracula's mesmerizing brides and the Count himself - as a vampire bat. 3-D is used to good effect in Castle Dracula: the room rotates as you enter and exit. From the Castle, your quest continues to Hillingham Estate and Carfax Abbey, then on to the final battle with Dracula.

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Defeating the Undead

Harker must rely on his wits and a ombination of punches and kicks apons. He can jump forward, ward and straight upward. ches are either a singleor a one-two punch. u hands. The speed of Button B determines the pure you select. Harker also has two kicker has the kick button to executions has punt-like kick, but tap the Watton quickly, and he'll deliver a vicious roundhouse.

Dracula delivers great arcade/ action gaming in a format that takes advantage of the CD's strengths, though the game's play controls could be a little tighter With first-rate graphics and sound, Dracula on the CD shows you what is possible at The Next Level.



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lot only do you have to deat with ditterent jump distances, you also will have to contend with living enemies on this bridge



Jump over the preen acid slime that the skeletons spew and give them tour nunches to the head.



Ghosts cause quite a bit of damage each time they touch you. One hit will tinish them



This Lavel 2 mid-laval boss can ba taken out by ducking his overhead passes, then punching him eight



Scornings intlict massive damage. Time your kicks right.



3-D skeletons are part of the backpround. They look menacing, but aren't a threat.



All the birds in the early lavels can be taken out with a punch. Birds you run into at Level 4 and beyond will regulro a roundhouse kick.



Fight the Level 4 boss this way: Duck his overhead passes, punch him twice, then back off, Repeat as necessary



When you see vines, immediately Jump torward and kick them. If you walk torward they'll cause grayo damage. The vines require only one





SEGA CD

OVERVIEW

His intelligence is legendary. His agility and power, a unique blend of strength and grace. He is Ecco the Dolphin, Sega's most famous underwater mammal. His expanded one-player adventures on the Sega CD will delight delphin lovers and gamers elike.

Echoes from the Deep

Ecco is a young bottlenose dolphin on a perilous quest across 33 massive levels to find his pod, mysteriously swept away in a vicious storm. This CD version features five new levels... and adds a few surprises to the levels familar to Genesis players.

Ecco's undersea adventures expose him to the beauty, mysteries and dangers of the deep. His aquatic quest will take him to sunken shipwrecks, the legendary city of Atlantis and to Deep Gate, where it seems no air-breathing mammal can survive. You must rely on



this glyph will grant you the access you need to continue your quest. After singing to H, you have only to tind the correct route.



Echolocation lets you track your position in the deep sea. Hold down itton A until your sonar bounces



This sunken ship is hiding more than



Find the glyph that will grant you passage to parts of the ocean no mammal has traveled before.



me glyphs are as intractable as mountains. If your sonar won't move the glyph, swim around until you lind one that gives you the power you

cco the Dolphin on the Sega CD introduces the use of 3-D sound for a gaming experience like no other. Because Ecco's undersea environment is a critical part of the game's beauty and challenge, Sega has added QSound™, 3-D stereo sound, to the musical score. When the Sega CD player is connected to two stereo speakers, QSound™ expands Ecco's environment into the room. This effect surrounds you with music and game sounds, immersing

you in Ecco's undersea world. QSound, coupled with Ecco's complex game play

and rich graphics, make Ecco the Dolphin a gaming experience all players will enjoy.

crystal glyphs. Sharks and other deadly enemies cross your path often... and you must always remember that you need air to live Ecco the Dolphin is a rewarding

Eccos sonar to get information

from sea creatures and mysterious

and spectacular game. It has a password feature to let you save your progress; you won't finish this game in one day. Think like a dolphin. move like a dolphin and, with QSound, live in the dolphin's world. Ecco the Dolphin is one of a kind.





The slow-moving sea turtle servés a purpose for quick-witted dolphins. He looks bly enough to use as a shiold and heavy enough to drop like an anchor, no matter how strong the current.



in the Wreck Trap stage, lind the Power flyph to the lor left of the ocean floor. Ecco will become Jemporority invincible.



Use your ocholocation to find the glyphs hidden behind the rocks. You need their messages or their magic



the Librory in the lost city of Alland has information you will find interesling. Find it.



Sing to the Shelled Ones for life-giving air.



one use can save Ecco's life and the officer will help him advonce.

Think and Move Like a Dolphin



Ecco's sonar. Use sonar lo gel special messages from the crystal glyphs and other seo animols. Hold down Button A Tor a map showing Ecco's location.

Button B makes Ecco charge. Use this with the D-Button to calch fish or to attock enemies.

Button C is Ecco's swim button. Press C repealedly to build speed, then hold if down to mointain your speed.



Fighting fans, preparel Final Fight CD from Sega is on its way. This hard-punching, face-kicking, two-player fightin' title features six solid levels of street-brawl action. Fresh from the arcades, Final Fight CD for the Sega CD has new stereo sounds, a new two-player simultaneous mode and new areas. Join Mike Haggar, his soon-to-be son-in-law Cody and his buddy Guy, as they clear out the Mad Gear Gang and rescue Mike's daughter Jessica, It's a fist-to-face frenzy!



You'll tind tood throughout the game It gives you a recharge on your energy bar. Use it strategically by waiting until you are low on energy before trabbling the snack



When you're brawlin' with Eddte and his lite meter is running low, watch



Sometimes, you'll find it most use to use your Rise nies as a weapon Toss them at their nasty friends for great etter



in this Sega CD exclusive Time Attack area, decide in advance if you are point to work with or against

ou and a bud can choose between Happar, Guy and Cody to head out and kick some Mad Gear booty. You'll bust your way through the Slums, the Subway Park, the West Side, an Industrial Area, Uptown and the Bay Area. There's a fantastic new feature, the Time Attack option, where you

and a friend can vie for points in a

whole new stage and either work together or against each other in a timed furious bout. The nunch and kick combinations and backbreaking throws have never been better, This color-filled CD has a digital soundtrack that will rev your engine. Final Fight CD is definitely combat supreme.



In many areas you'tt find that just standing in the center and wailing away with the pipe will clear the area nicely.



When taking on the Slum Boss, hand out by the door and take out the henchmen as they enter the level.



Leaping kicks will thoor your opponents each time they try to stand up.



Jump-kicks and throwing knives are

most effective against knife-wield-

Here's a winning strategy to beat the Samurai, Avoid the Samural's dashes, kick him in the head, and grab his sword. Repeat as necessary.



Collect points in the bonus rounds, ti you enabled the teature on the Options screen, every hundred tho sand will get you a Continue.



In the last stage, the Bay Area, you'll go up against consecutive groups of each individual type of enemy. Remember how you beat them before and use the same strategy to beat them up again.



Few have faced Dracula and survived. Now it's your turn! Based on Columbia Pictures' blockbuster thriller, Bram Stoker's Dracula for the Sega CD goes straight for the jugular. Digitized scenes from the movie, 3-D graphics and incredible CD sound plunge you deep into dungeons infested with spiders and packs of bloodthirsty rats. You'll battle your way through seven terrifying levels, from the treacherous mountains and forests of Transylvania all the way to Castle Dracula. And just like in the movie, Dracula will attack as a bat, a vicious wolf, even an old man. But whatever form Dracula takes...make no mistake, he must be stopped!

Bram Stoker's Dracula. IT'S A WHOLE NEW GAME.

Coming soon for Genesis and Game Gear.









I'M B.O.B., AND THIS IS MY G.U.N.

I've got two years left on my warranty, but it won't cover half the grief I've got coming. Most of these hall crawlers don't know me from a toaster, but they still keep trying to cut my power in more ways than Dad ever warned me about. I've got some pretty awesome firepower, and I can dish out as much as I can take. But I gotta tell you, a guy can only bounce back from so much. If I don't get outta here fast, I'll have to change my name to Shish Ke-B.O.B.



I've added on so many tricked-out gadgats, I don't know which parts were factory original anymore.



I can get elong with pretty much enybody, but if i hovo to I've got six flovors of firepower to cloer the corridors.

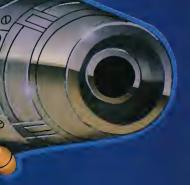


With forty-five levels between me and the door, getting there will be helf the fun.









GENESIS

OVERVIEW

Time to pick up your sword, dust off your spell book and jump into a land of myth and magic. Segá's new Shining Force is a grand, sweeping battle adventure against Dark Dragon and ultimate evil. This role-play blockbuster gives you direct control of more than 30 characters! Shining Force is a glant of a game with eight chapters filled with adventure, magic and science fiction.

ou are a young swordsmanin-training in the village of Guardiana The Gate of the Ancients, which was sealed a thousand years ago, is in danger of being re-opened, Dark Dragon seeks a return to the world so he can again spread terror and evil. Guardiana's historical task is guarding the Gate. The king has asked for a select group of highly skilled young warriors to undertake a dangerous mission. You are in charge of this group, known as the Shining Force. Your task? Fight Kane, leader of the armies of Runefaust, and prevent the return of the Dark Dragon, Good luck and good hunting.

Sithing Force is Droken up into eight different chapters starting with Runefaust Invasion. The interface makes it easy to exchange items, use magic, search for treasure and other items, and move your characters around at will, especially in towns. In combat, character movement is determined by status and the surrounding terrain.

A big change from typical roleplaying fare is that when you lose your main player life — which can happen often if you're a beginning player — you keep your experience points and any new levels gained. This makes Shining Force a winner of a game for players of every skill range. Though strategic players will get farther faster, hack 'n slash players also eventually win by virtue of ever-increasing strength and magical powers. Terrific 3-D battle-screens, steepes sound and highly tactical RPG action round out the cart. The battles take place over a wealth of different scenic areas. Each region is shown in detail when you enter fighting scenes. You'll find many different power ups in your travels — speed trings, resistance potions, power potions, shower of life spells and plenty of new weapons that can't be bought in the stores.

A Force of 30

Unlike most other RPGs, you begin with a ready-made group that joins you immediately at the start of the game. Your first adventurers are Luke the Warrior. Ken the Knight, Tao the Apprentice Mage, the Elven Archer Hans and Lowe the Priest. Their skills are diverse enough to get you through the first few battles without too many sudden deaths and raisings from the dead. During the course of the game you'll collect over 30 different Knights, Mages, Priests, beasts and other character types, each with different strengths and abilities both magical and nonmagical, You can play these characters in any mix of 12, and change the mix when in towns,

You'll find that this game has more twists than a Hitchcock movie. Each time you think that you've got Kane and avoided the Dark Dragon's return, Kane will mysteriously slip through your fingertips! But keep at it. Shiring Force is worth every minute.



Remember to visit the Friai as soon as possible upon completion of a battle. Have him raise any dead cominades before saving. It you end up in a surprise battle later, you'll have your whole force avaitable to kink.

greater magical abilities, and will be able to use them at a longer distance.



Learn to treat each battle differently. Sometimes it is better to split up your lorce into two or three distinct fronts. Other battles will be better tought as a single unitied to ce.







In Chapter 2 you'll find some warriors who are Birdmen. These winged warriors are really useful because they can go anywhere.



When you're stuck and can't seem to go any lurther, search everything again. Try other towns on the map. Talk to everyone. There is a solution!



As soon as you are able, upgrade the weapons and strengths of those in your force who can attack from a



This game gives you the chance to sell almost anything. When you are hogged down with useless liems... sell, sell, sell.



After each battle, visit Nova at headquarters and get Advice. He'll tell you how best to proceed with the next light.



Once you have members of the Force past level 10, they can be promoted to a new character class. While you can do this right away, it is better to wall until your characters are at level 14 or 15, because the new class will be at level 1.



In the battle for Alterone, either light with all the Force to the right side of the screen or take the tar left path of Alterone. This way you won't have to deal with Snipers and Giant Bats while trapped on a bridge.



When preparing for battle, let your priests hang back. They have little defensive power. Move them forward when you get the chance to let them thish off nearly killed enemies. This way, they'll get experience points not related to mayic use and become stronger much more outside.



At the Weapons Slores you can both buy and sell Items. Try various items throughout your troop to see if they improve their stats and to verify that they can use them.



Certain members of your force will have the ability to attack from a dislance of two or three squares away from your enemies. Be sure not to place them in immediate proximity as they cannol attack adjacent squares and can'l detend themselves very well.



One of the most strategic decisions you'il make is deciding among the 3D-pius characters that you will eventually have available for battles. Check their stats carefully and don't hesitate to replace a member who is consistently a problem.



When you've won the battle at Allerone, talk to the King, He'll tell you to pull the dragon's head omament on the wall in the castle, A secret passage will open under the waterfall.



Put your strongest tighters up against enemies using magic, Magic users generally don't have much in the way of detense and you can kill them quickly with a powerful fighter.



Don't torget to hatch the Dominuo Egg. Once you have Domingo, he can tly over walls and work some pretty amazing magic. For Instance, the Desoui speii, which pulls the soul out of living enemies, makes them expire immediately.



Push this cart. You'll make someone grumpy, but you'll also find treasure.



After a character has been promoted try him with weapons that may have been previously unusable. The result could be a much stronger character.



You'll collect lots of magic users. Use them all on your team, It's worth the time to raise them to reasonable levels. With a team that's hait mages and half warriors, you have real highling magicl

Rindo

- 1. Headquarters
- 2. Weapon Shop 3. This sign announces what is to
- happen at this
- empty iol
- 4. The Thealer
- 5. Friar
- 6. The mayor's home 7. An inventor and his
- steam sull 8. item shop
- 9. Supply room: Find
- the treasure chest 10. The mayor's ship



Gantz (a knight in a steam-powered suit) Johns your party fairly early. This guy is worth having as a member of your Shining Force. He can take amazing non-magical punishment. Raise his levels as quickly as possible and he'li help you a great deal.

Alterone Castle - Lower Level

1. Meet the Alterone King here 2. Alterone Dungeon (lall)

3. Friar

- 4. Secret passage; will be revealed after meeting Chip 5. Treasure Room



via a secret passage.

Alterone Village

- 1. Headquarters
- 2. Item Shop
- 3, Weapon Shop 4. Friar
- 5. Carl: Push towards giri at 6.
- 6. Girl w/new dress: She will push you in the water and you will drift to 7.
- 7. Treasure Chest 8. Underground Trea-
- sure Room 9. Underground Trea-
- sure Room
- 10. Treasure Room
- 11. Allerone Castle



Search the entire village before talking to whomever you are supposed to (in this ease, the king of Alterone). That ocereu no curie sinoge unione temms to wnomere: you are supposed to in this case, the time of trestore; it was it you end up in a battle, you've already gathered what you need from the town. In this town avoid the king whoy it you must up in a matter, you we allowly gamerou what you need from the cownt. In this town arous the dring until you've talked with everyone else, done your shopping and saved, bon't forget to re-explore the vittage upon winning the battle.

GENESIS

VERVIE

Last month Sega Visions gave
you an eye-popping review of Virgin's Cool SPOT, one of the best titles to
come down the Genesis road this year.
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With its awesome graphics, pumping music and edge-of-your-seat game play, Cool SPOT has became a cool standard in the hippest gaming circles.

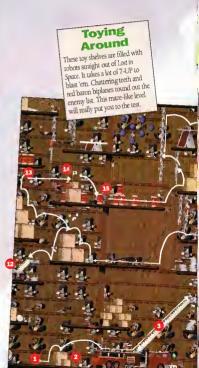
hose of you who have played Cool SPOT know just how massive each of the 11 levels really is. With complicated livists, turns and obstacles, and working against the clock...making progress is a challenge worthy of the sharpest gamers. The object is pretty simple, Free your SPOT buddles from

the black-and-white checked cap ture cages of Wicked Will, a collector of rare stuff. Before you can free your friends, you must collect a certain number of Cool SPOTS. And you must do it before time is up. This is no Casper Milquetoast game.

Return of the Monster Maps!

The big question is...so how do you get through these really tough levels? Simple. You read the maps. What we have here are three of the toughest levels of the game, laid out in a style that will give you a solid idea of what to do, where to go and how to get there. The

rest—making leaps with split-second timing, blasting entirers with bursts of 7-UP, and dodging and moving with skill that would make a rinipa proud—is up to you! And do you really think we'd give you all the hints and tips? NOT! We're just pointing the way. Send us your hints and tips so we can let the world know just how good a Cool SPOT player you really are.



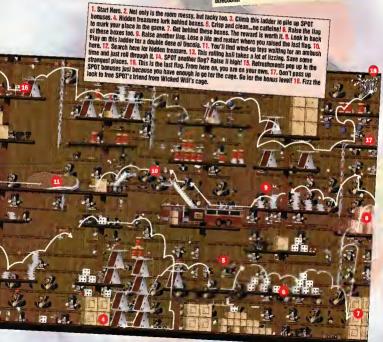


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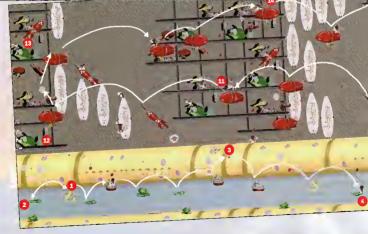
moves SPOT around. Press OButton plus the Fire Button to make SPOT duck. Press OButton plus the Fire Button to make SPOT tlick 7-UP bursts in all elgid directions.

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Button B: Jump or Fire
Button C: Jump or Fire
Buttons A, B and C can be
configured to be the Fire and Jump
buttons In the Option Screen
Start Button: Pause

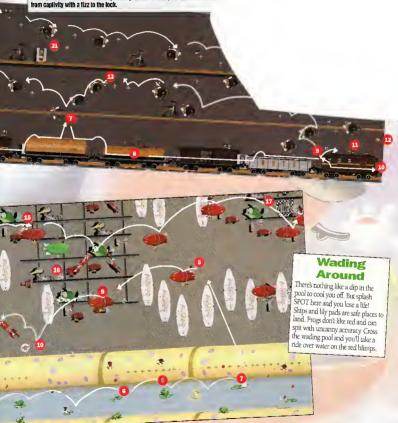




1. Start here, 2, Jump Jell, Itzz the trouglies and more on. 3, 7-I/P logos will add to your SPOTS. 4, if it's green, tizz till 5, Frous sit outside the wading pool as well. 6. Look before you loap, 7. Fellow some bubbles up to flying saucers and blumps. 8. Have a glass of 7-I/P to restore your strength. What alse would SPOT drink? 9. This is a good time to raise a flag. 10. Bounching bubbles pag SPOT higher. 11, Bernbing logbanes keep things had in the sales. 12. Look for a timer to turn back the clock. 13. Find a logo_apet more points, 14. Someones ago Harg? Rasks if high, SPOTT 16. If 190 think you're study, but lond or a little turther out. 15. Add this 7-I/P log to your points. 17, You have made it to the cage, it a hand is pointing you away, it means you do not have enougk Card points. Backfock until you get a message, then by It again!



1. Your ride starts here. 2. There's a 7-UP bonus on the cow calcher. 3. Some railroad cars have valual four road to avoid file from the bandils. 5. There's dots behind that there tennis ball. Walch the the min cargo car for lind a 7-UP class., and full strength 7. Some large balloons hide surprises. 8. Stick to the 9. Raiss the flag to avoid a lengthy repeat frain ride...If you don't make it the first time. 10. A glass of I may leave a fillide loot behind when you fize them away. 12. Time for timers. Furn back the clock here billings. 14. Treasure, treasure, everywhere! 15. Flying saucers will give you a firt. 16. Raiss this seep column of 7-UPs will add up. 18. Them bandils seem to be everywhere! 19. This class of 7-UP is 1--- make the bonus level. 21. Unless you are pressed for time, the timer fair 1 worth





OVERVIEW

Jungle Strike is Electronic Arts' answer to action/simulation fans who hoped for a sequel to match EA's popular Desert Strike. Jam-packed with a big 16 megs of realistic combat action and exciting military muscle, Jungle Strike is billed the sequel to Desert Strike, and it takes its legacy seriously. Jurigle Strike boasts arcade-quality scrolling play fields and booming digital sound. The game play is intense, with nine huge, complex missions you have to complete and four different military vehicles you have to master.



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The Hovercraft can chase the terrorists on land and sea. Blast these powerboats with missile fire. They're carrying deadly plutonium ship-



Your briefing at the White House is interrupted by the news of a terrorist attack on the city. First stop - prolect the National Monuments.



Rescue Wild Bill, the best co-pilot in the business, at the Snow Fortress prison compound. Walch out for multiple fire from the Guard Towers.



Press Start to bring up the Intelligence map, which details the location of targets and supplies, briefs you on your mission, and tracks your ammo supply and armor level. Use the map frequently to track your





in your last mission, Washington, D.C. is under heavy slege. Your first job is to escord the President's Air Force Dne chopper out of the city. Neutralize the oncoming opposition until it's safely away.



Knock out the training camp's radar screen by biasting the mobile radar trucks. Hit the tanks guarding them ilrst, though — these iln cans can rip you to shreds in seconds.



Clear the streets of the capital of enemy lirepower, then hund down the escaping Madman and Drig Lord. Another threat will soon erupt: 18-wheeters loaded with nuclear weapons are bearing down oo the White House!



This Isn't your grandparems: AV and the guys maning it aren't a group of sight-seers. The letrorists' Heavily Armored RV (HARV) has deadly fire-power to Back up is nearly impentrable armor. Shower them with missiles before they dust the Washington Monument.

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Track the Brug Lord to his measurain vitta, their shower it was the beatert to the contentiaged tanks jurking about the perimeter. Watch be after to the content the mountain peaks.



Penetrate the mountain airstrip and destroy the runway and the enemy destroy the runway and the enemy self-the record for attack helicopters and mobile cannon. Bit them first—and hard!



The Drug Lord has some nasty fricks up his sleeve, like hidden intercontinental missiles. Destroy them at the Depot. Beware of roving helicopters.



In the Night Strike mission, you fly by the seal of your pants until your missile fire lights up the jungle night. Pick up tlare-waying PDWs. Beware of roying attack heliconters.



Rescue the captured nuclear scienlists retting in the terrorists' prison pits. Pick them up and return them to the landing zone.

Nevenge is the name of the game... and ibn Kilbaba, the son of the Desent Madman, will stop at nothing to avenge his father death, including blowing up Washington, DC. His vengeful quest is aided by Drug Lord Carlos Ortega. Their plans to bring the West to its knees will chill your blood... but then you're the only fighter pilot cold-blooded enough to take them on single-handed.

Against All Odds

Your mission is to stop the terrorists before they assemble and deploy a nuclear bomb to erase Washington, D.C., from the map. You will fly nine hard-hitting campaigns and cover more than 50 missions. From the terrorist-infest-ed streets of Washington, D.C., your campaigns take you do into dangerous jungle mountain across oceans and river and atop snow-capped peales to be and plutonium; and the single plutonium is single plutonium; and the single plutonium

inery and Your mulicay is match for the terrorists. be successfully complete your state-of-the-art comanche Attack Chopper, but you'll commandeer an Attack Hovercraft, F-117A Nighthawk Stealth Fighter and Special Forces "Rattler" Assault Motorcycle during three campaigns. All vehicles are heavily armed with massive Hellfire and rapid-fire Hydra missiles, Bombs, Water Mines, Land Mines, Chain Gun or Machine Gun.

Jungle Strike's complex missions, heavy combat action, realistic digital sound and first-rate graphics make for a sensational game. Action/simulation fans, enlist for Jungle Strike today.



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OVERVIEW

With the fall of the Iron Curtain, Russia's hottest and most formidable multi-role fighter, the Mig-29, now falls into your hands, Mig-29 Fighter Pilot, from Domark, will give flight/battle sim fans their fill of combat-heavy action and precision flying. And the use of polygon graphics makes for blazing speed as you zoom through the game's threedimensional terrain. Gamers who are technically inclined know that polygon graphics provide the fastest scene changes for first-person games. By breaking scenes down into collections of polygons, the computer can manipulate them at a faster rate, making for greater speeds without loss of detail.

ou are in charge of spearheading NATO forces against General Hasouz, leader of a Middle Eastern state called Arzaria. Hasouz has invaded Sautar, an oil-rich principality, and now controls 25 percent of the world's oil supply

You'll fly a series of intense combat missions to liberate Sautar. But first get your feet wet with Training Missions. Once you're in full control of the Mig-29's awesome firepower and maneuverability, you're ready to head east...and into your first dangerous mission.

Mission: **Impossible**

Your missions will take you into deadly enemy airspace as you take out the General's communications system, over treacherous waters to rescue a captured sub and directly into occupied territory to establish a staging post on Hasouz's airfield. Complete your fourth mission code-named Operation Iron Hand - and you're almost home. But don't phone the folks yet: 31 SCUD missiles stand between you and success. Some of the SCUDs don't appear on your radar...so be sure you have enough cannon and rockets to handle them. Your final mission is to decommission the General's nuclear reactor before it begins producing nuclear warheads. Your target skills must be nght on the money ... or the world will pay the price. Destroy the main building next to the reactor and you may cause a breach in the containment wall, releasing radioactive materials or even causing a nuclear explosion. Not a wise move!







Tailor your weapons selection toward your mission requirements, II attacking ground targets, stock up on air-to-surface missiles and rockets.



Having difficulty landing your Mig-29? Use the Autoland option for a picture-perfect landing.



Make sure the target Indicator Is red before firing a guided weapon. Your chances of a hit increase to 90 percent



tt vou need help with aerial refueling, select the Auto Retuel option



ing the sub during Operation Blue Sea-Sprite will cost you. The tuns are your tarnets.



Dispense chalf and tlare decoys when you get an enemy missile launch message. They will divert enemy missiles



Use different view actions to scan areas around you for enemy targets



Wining out gerimeter detenses before destroying your primary target will ensure you don't get caught in a deadly gauntlet.



Your afterburners will get you out of trouble in a hurry. But it you don't watch your fuet gauge, they will get you back into trouble just as quickly.



Rivers and roads make good land markers when you're trying to oinpoint a target.





Pay attention to your group commander during the mission briefings. Certain mission objectives must be met for you to go to the next tevel.



To select a weapon, hold the B Button down, then use the C-Button to highlight the weapon you want. To select targets, tap the B Button until the target you want is highlighted by the Indicator box.



Make sure your brakes are off during take off. The X Indicates Off and the check mark Indicates On, Remember to retract your landing gear once you're airborne.



Fire your AS-7 and AS-B missiles on ground largets. The AS-7 are shortrange surface-to-air missiles; the AS-8 will take out longer range largets.

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F-15 Strike Eagle II by Micro Prose is a flight/battle simulation that puts you behind the stick of America's most radical jet fighter, the F-15 Eagle. Starting as a second lieutenant, you must fly six detailed combat missions in areas ranging from Libya to Europe, destroying targets like Nuclear Power Plants, Enemy Bases and Patrol Boats. Your F-15 Eagle fighter is armed to the teeth with Sidewinder. AMRAAM and Maverick Missiles, as well as Cannon. And you'll need them all, because the skies ahead are filled with the deadliest fighters in the world, from the Russian Su-27 Flanker to the French Mirage F-1. You'll even go wing-to-wing against American fighters such as the F-4 Phantom and the F-5 Tiger...in enemy hands, of course!



Il enemy missiles lock on to you, you will heat a constant high lone. Dispense a decoy (chaft and flares) to tool the missiles and keep them from blasting off your tail.



il the odds are ovorwhelming and your aircraft is being turned to Swiss these, don't be atraid to eject. It's these, so survive and light another day than to go down in flames.



With atterburners on, your F-15 can reach speeds approaching Mach 1.5. White this is great for outnuming enemy lighters or getting to a target quickly, this uses ug tots of fuel, Keep an eye on your fuel gauge



Carriers to reptenish arumunition and have your aircraft repaired.

-15 Strike Eagle II has four difficulty levels - Rookie, Pilot, Vet eran and Ace - to accommodate all skill levels. Options allow you to customize the game to your to customize the game to your properties. The game features the Heads-Up-Display view of an F-15, complete with boxed target grids and a lock-on tone that will give you white knuckles. It plays equally well for those who like to fire a missile, then link to safety, or for those daredevils who like to ride an enemy's exhaust with cannon blazing

The realism of this combat sim is intensified by ground attacks from fixed and mobile surface-toair missiles. If a missile locks onto your fighter, wait until the last second to use your chaff or flares.

since if one missile finds you, more follow Multiple lock-ons tend to be the rule. While waiting until the last second to take evasive maneuvers is risky, it's necessary since your chaff and flares only stay You carnot use another until the decors have hurned out.

Quick wits and reflexes...as

well as the ability to keep cool under pressure are a must for survival. If you success there are medals and promotions in your future. If you fail, you just might get a job as a desk jockey F-15 Strike Eagle II is a challenging game that will leave your palms sweating and heart racing. So put on a flight suit and come soar with the Eagles, if you dare,



Press Button A and the D-Button Ug at the same time to kick in the afterburners for a quick takeoff or to outrun an enemy fighter.



Your Cannon is effective against both ground and air largets. Just remember that it has a short range.



Wall until the nexagon missile indi-cator is red to increase your chance



Mier dusting your Primary and Sec-ondary Targets, desuoy any other enemy targets you can lind for extra noints.



Use Sidewinder Missiles on enemy fighters that are close and AMRAAM Misslies on those farther away.



map to pimpoint your present location in reference to the nearest friendly base.





OVERVIEW

If you're tired of swinging swords, rescuing princesses, fighting dragons and casting spells, you'll want to take note of Puggsv by Psygnosis. This comic action cart is always fun, often hilarlous and offers solid challenges for action and puzzle/maze gamers alike. Puggsy features crisp, colorful graphics, wonderful music and great sound effects. It even has a special Junior level for younger gamers.

he star of the game is Puggsy, an alien who has had his spaceship stolen by raccoons. The masked bandits have taken his ship to Raclantis as a trophy for their ruler. Puggsy's fun-filled quest takes place over 51 levels, through 17 locations. Defeat the five World Guardians and you get to battle the final Guardian for your nde home.

Each level of Puggsy is a puzzle. Most levels contain what are called "events." These take the form of switches, locks, ropes, cannons, etc. and are activated by using one

of the objects Puggsy can pick up and use. Event/object combinations can be as simple as a key in a lock or as complex as setting multiple switches. Some situations can only be

solved by getting your enemies to help! In the Pyramids, for example, Puggsy must get the enemy character to follow him and solve the puzzle. Each of the locations. such as the Beach, Splinter Town and Star Fall Lake, contain multiple levels that get progressively more challenging.



Use a combination of the tan and ouncy ball to bounce out of the old



Use the balloon to tloat and get the sneakers, Air Puggsy?



Guns bounce higher than bouncy



Levers must be set correctly to omceed.



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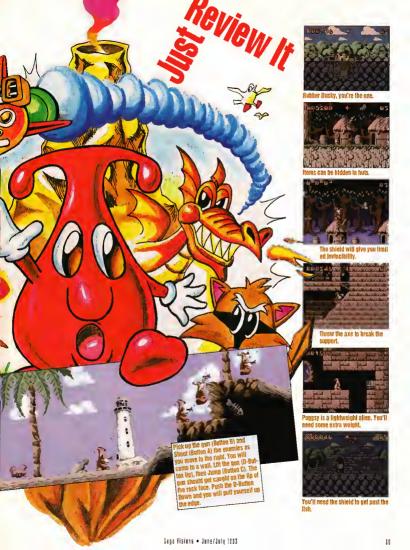














OVERVIEW

He's a bug-eyed teen-age android with antennae instead of ears, a gun to rival Rambo... and a major teen-age problem. He crashed his space-age wheels on Planet Goth and his blind date's waiting. Life in the next century doesn't get any easier if you're B.O.B.

O.B., from Electronic Arts, is 51 maze-like levels of laser-blastin', flame-thrown' fun that takes the teen android from the subterranean depths of Goth to the outer reaches of Ultraworld in search of a new set of wheels so he can make his date on time. B.O.B.'s search is hampered by a motley menagene of space creatures, monsters and machines, including Floating Mines, Snout Monsters and giant Potato Heads. In each level, B.O.B. must find the teleporter that will transport him to the next level. Each level is timed, including the boss levels. After all, his date's not going to wait all night!

B.O.B.s gun is an awesome arsenal-in-one. It carries armmo of varying firepower, from Single-shot (the weakest) to the powerful Wave. Or you can save your armmo and switch to the Punch, a large fist for hand-tohand combat.

Remote Control

B.O.B. also has a supply of supergadgets called remotes that help him out of jams. Remotes unclude the Trampoline; the Shield, a force field; and the Helicopter Hat, which makes B.O.B. airborne. B.O.B. can switch ammo and remotes from the inventory screen or the play screen. To switch ammo on the fly, hold down Button A, then press Button B to scroll, To switch remotes, hold Button C and press Button B.

B.O.B. teases your funny bone as much as it tests your skills. The excellent graphics depite B.O.B. as a melted B.L.O.B. or as incinerated metal-dust if you let his power bar or time run out. But B.O.B.'s sense of humor shines through even when something bad happens to him. The password feature lets you save your progress during the game. With so many levels and spacey monsters, B.O.B. spellis bigtime FU.N.



Pick up all the honus remotes you can in the early levels. Your max is nine of oach. This bonus to the right of the transporter in Level 1 adds three Helicopter Hals to your arsenal.

Select your weapon and your remote before you taco the last boss at its final phase.



Wrenches are power-ups. This one's on the second platform by the ladder, First you'll have to take out the Robot.



Leaping before you look will scramblo B.O.B.'s circuits and causo hits to his power bar.



Some ammo is more effective ihan others. Singlo-shot ammo is the least effective; the Wave will wipe out overything. Savo your hoavy-duty ammo lor the later levels.



Replenish your arsenal with bonus ammo. Pick up this Triple-shol bonus as soon as you enter Lovel 2. It's on the lar right ledge.



Switch your ammo to the Wave when lacing crawling creeples like this Crah and Crawling Bugs. It's killer bug spray.







It's a birdl It's a planel It's a... rocket-propelled opossum? The latest video game super hero to blast off on your Genesis is a little guy who brings new meaning to "playin" possum." Sparkster, star of Konami's action/adventure game Rocket Knight Adventures, is a space-age opossum with a long tail that he can swing on, a mighty sword he uses Ninja-style and the coolest mode of rocket-propelled travel ever. parkster's cool moves are his trademark. Holding down and then releasing the Attack Button unfurls Sparkster's spinning slash attack. This move is guaranteed to wipe enemies off the screen. Sparkster's super rocket blast jets him across chasms, into treetops and out of trouble in a jiffy To bleast off, just hold down the Attack Button until the energy bar flashes, then press the D-Button. Release the Attack Button and the Rocket Knight becomes the Rocket lock!

Rocket Knight Adventures propels you into the Kingdom of Zebulous, a magical land whose weather — and destiny — are controlled by the Pig Star, a computer satellite. The Pig Star is secured by a key whose location is known only by King Zebulous and his daughter, the Princess Sparkster, the most heroic of the Rocket Knights, zips across the land with his jet pack, safeguarding the key from Asle Gear, the Black Knight.





...but these putrid paratroopers are no match for the Rocket Knight's super move. Hold the Attack Button down, then release it to unleash this maneuver that will send the bad guys crying for their mommies.

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Axle has kidnapped the Princess. Sparkster must free her before she reveals the key's location... but it won't be easy, even for a Rocket Knight.

Rochet Knight Adventures takes place across eight big stages and more than 30 levels. From the Forest, where Sparkster's adventure begins, the powerful possum burrows through the dangerous Caves, then rockets skyward to the Air Battleship and on to the Empire Capital City Before he can free the Princess, Sparister must battle hordes of parattroopers and futuristic metallic monsters that do everything from hurling spiked balls to shooging laser beams.

Rochet Knight Adventures is a well-crafted game. Much work went unto the development of Sparkster as a super hero whos really just a regular dude when the jet pack comes off. The game has two difficulty levels to challenge all levels of players. Rochet Knight. Adventures will soon have you "playin' possum," too.



When you weary of tighting bad guys, grab an apple to replenish your life line. This one is at the top of the last free belore the wall in Stage 1.



Bananas are perfect possum food. Grab 'em to resfore your fife line before you tight the tiends who torched the castle.



Don't let Rocket Knight's sult of armor become the oven he's baked In. Time the tireballs, stay tow when they're spewing, then rocket outta there as soon as the tire lots up.



This guy takes a good many hits to render him useless. You can't beat the little spiky critters, so go after the red ono.



The only way out of this sticky situation is to blast straight across or diagonally to the next vine.



Blast to this lodge at the tar right of the undersea caverns to tind out what the bat is guarding, Bananas will restore your waning life line.



Low-hanging spikes make this rollor coastor rido doadly tun. Duck your head.



Use your super move to shoot straight up. This will clear the track



The torce field protects this green goon from your sword. It takes two to play basebatt, so bat the balls back at him. Be careful: Some of the balls witt no stratcht up. Ihon land on you.



Keep blasbing torward to the next pole. Stide up and down the poles to avoid the barrels. Keep in mind that the barrels are coming from some-



Batter up! Knock tive of these guys into the metal meanle below and he's ready for the junk pilo. Time your hits so the ball is just above him before you shoot.



Get set for some tancy tlyin' and tightin' all through this stage. First you'll dodge a barrage of rockets, then tace these green goons. Swing at their bodios, not the batloons.







Top: Gotting piacos is novor a problem for the Rocket Knight. Hold the Atlack Button until Sparkster's energy meter tlashes, pross D-Button the direction you want to go, thon release the Atlack Button to cataput! the tittle guy into the at…and over the wall. He even rebounds of things!

Center: Pick up jet pack tuol and bocome a Rocket Jock! Take these tellas out with a single hit, but watch out tor the bouncing batts.

Bottom: This guy's not as tough as he ts annoying. Stay in the middlo to avoid his spikos, then wall away on his noso. And remember: The bigger they are...the bigger the moss they make when they tall.

GENESIS

The 1993 baseball season is here, and Tengen is ready to put you behind the plate, on the mound and in the outfield with the latest, greatest game in the RBI series, RBI '93. With an eye on graphics, game play and an ear on sound, Tengen has made some timely revisions to put you into a better baseball cart.

ge of the most noticeable changes in RRI Wirs the roster of 26 major league teams, including the Florida and Colorado expansion teams, complete with 1992 stats. You can play against or as the classic division winning trans from 1994 1991 and the New in RBL Value three delense modes /computer-assisted full automatic and manual / to give vou a chance to sharpen your fielding skills With the new Cre ate Icam opuon you can castom design your team. This inspired option lets von take any team aild to arrange it - from chang ing one player to a multi-player trade - or create your own dream.

team from the batter up Owners of RELEADY have noticed that while the game played well the music left some ring to be desired. RBF 93 cortecis this with better tunes plus bility to turn off the misy and play theigame with just sound effects Campbur additions include a new Box Score formur that shows the results—the vious at bet each time a p steps up to the plate Cours & tion scores for each tea int ing at bais, runs, hi and the

are shown in news

at the end of the game fon can even check out the ream beating average to see how your players did as a group

RBI tens are familiar with the Home Run Derby Leason: The new Defense Practice option ooks on vour helding skills the same way providing a needed arena in which players can named out their baseball skills RBS-93 is a good haseball rate hat offers solid improvements and challenge to novice and experienced gamers affly



When your player is in the right area to catch the half, he will raise his arms. In the Easy Level you will also see an "X" appear where the half is noting to land.



Be sure and to hit the batter or he ets a free base



Water your pitcher for latigue I is breathing hard or his phebing speed is decreasing, bring in a relief pitcher.



After an out, he sure you tag up before advancing to the next base. One man out can turn this three men out if you are not careful.



Il you need a run and have a man on third, lay down a buet. At the same time, send your runner from third base to home. This is a Suicide Squeeze, Chances are your batter will be thrown out at first and your rupper will make it across the plate



ti you replace a player with another who is not tamiliar with the position there is a greater chance of a field

4 error

By tapping the A Button once, the batter will cook his bal for a quicker out at a pitch. This is great against a



michage a ramaer on base, out him in motion and make your batter swing for a lift and Run Play. This tactic will help you avoid double



in the vicinity of the ball, it

could help you win a game.





Each lime you win a battle for a world, this lettow will randomly chanse the next world at conquest. depending on your prowess in the last. He'll also give you additional nowers. It you rale them.



Be vory careful about using Plaques. as they can backfire II a Walker comes to your region carrying the



Lightning storms are a shocking way denonulate areas.



Betore calling an Armageddon, be sure that your torces outnumber your opponent's or you'll lose automalically.



When using earthquakes, be sure that none of your people are in a vertical line from the starting point. It wouldn't help you much to destroy your own populous.





around. Make sure there is a

Int of distance between it and

If your opponent uses a Volcanic Eruption against you, you must plant greenery to make the land habilable again.



VERVIEW

Ever wonder what it's like to be a god? Turn on your Genesis and find out. Welcome to the real-time simulation game to end all others. Wrath of the Gods, the vastly popular PC title, comes to the Genesis from Virgin Games as a one-player title. Create disasters and battle other gods in this world-breaking game of conquest and carnage. Thousands of worlds and a password save will keep you playing Wrath of the Gods again and again. It'll do your ego good.

he basic storyline is a battle between good and evil (you can take either side). It's you against other deities in a battle for multiple world domination. Starting with small groups of people, populate and evolve worlds, all the while using your powers to stop your computer opponents from doing the same. When you feel that you have the edge, call up an Armageddon and all the world's population will travel to the center for a battle to the death. Each world you take will add increased powers to your godlike repertoire.

You'll be able to design your deity persona from scratch. Good or evil. warlike or wise-it's all up to you. You'll increase the level and expertise of your talents as you

conquer worlds. Divine Intervention effects are spectacular. Create firestorms, plagues, waterspouts and earthquakes to wreak havoc on your opponent's populous. There are plenty of options, from computer assistance to different worldviews. You'll even be able to set up a computer against computer battle and sit back to watch the action-a good way to learn this complex game. The Conquest Game option has a thousand different worlds, randomly chosen depending on your prowess in the previous contest. As you get good at whipping your opponents, choose the Custom Game option and create your own scenario. Master Wrath of the Gods, and you'll have earned the title "World Breaker/World Maker."

THOMAS THE TANK ENGINE & FRIENDS

OVERVIEW

Got a kid brother or sister ready to take a turn at your Genesis? If fast-moving Sonic makes the little dude's head spin, introduce him to Thomas the Tank Engine and Friends. This fun game from T-HQ, Inc. offers a cool mix of entertainment and education for the kindergarten crowd and young school-age kids. Thomas the Tank Engine and Friends is featured in the popular childrens' TV series Shining Time Station, starring Thomas and his trainyard of chromium cronies, Toby, Percy, Duck and James.

ou're the engineer steering the game play. You can choose your train engine from the different types and colors available. You can play the Game mode, which tests led-level memory skills by giving you different tasks to complete, such as finding certain cars carrying different loads and taking them to a specific station. Or challenge the other engines in The

Race mode, or just thug around rown in Explore mode. Another iun feature lets you paint your own engine!

Thomas the Tank Engine and Friends scores high marks for its successful blending of fun, instruction and challenge. The only problem you may have will be getting your Genesis back from your led brother or sister.



Runs are timed, so when you made, latch onto one of the cars you need, latch onto it. You can always uncouple it after you find the other cars and put them all in the correct order later.



where you're supposed to take it? Press Button C for a quick reminder.



hig blue balloons. You'll zip along faster for a limited lime.

The Game mode gives you a choice of tasks, each of varying difficulty. Sir Topham Hall tells you what you're looking for and any special instructions. Watch for the Conductors! They will ston you dead in your tracks...costing you valuable seconds, other time deterrents are trains crossing the track and dir on the track. Route around them.

Uncouple the gravel car by pressing Button A. Latch onto the other car, then back into the gravel car to re-affach it. Two down, one to got



Earn points by popping all the small balloons and chugging ever goodles like pie silces, candy and ice cream cones.



Never seen a blue lank engine?
Paint Thomas and his friends according to the picture shown...or unleash your creativity.

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For centuries, he has stalked his unsuspecting victims in guises of every form. He can be anything from a wisp of a shadow to a wolf-like beast. Long the stuff of dark legend, Dracula rises again from the realm of the undead, for you to meet and beat on the Game Gear. Dracula is a very colorful, fast-paced title from Sony Imagesoft that will keep action-game addicts rooted in their seats until the sun goes down.

Ticket to Transylvania, Please

Dracula has cast his spell on your lovely gal Mina. With a fittle daring and skill yout, as foreithm Harbor, will traverse the dangerous pathways to save her from jorning the unidead. Only you can just amend to Dracula's blood-thirsty madness. To succeed, you must meet the Prince of Darkness and his

hideous minions on his own turf. Drauda takes you deep into the Transplvanian darkness through seven levels that begin with A Journey hrough Transplvania, continue through Dracolas Castle, the Hillingham Estate Manson and the creepy Cartfox Albey Crypt, then return you to Transplvania and Dracolas Castle. Each level has a Day and Night stage.

You're armed with a sword to start, but can acquire new weapons and power sups by finding the Pickup Boxes. These are boxes with question murds that are located throughout the girne. Some of the limited-like weapons you'll find in them are Rocke, which are goat for distance hits, Axes, which reurve in flight, Torches, which burn for a time on the ground and Double

Rocks, which have twice the impact on your target. Powerups irinclude items that recharge your energy, coins, diamonds, 1-Ups, Continue Gredits and Clock tokens, As an added borus, each level has a secret borus area you can find and plurider.

Fair warning: When you take on *Dracula*, be prepared for a scrious challenge. This little trip to Transylvania won't be a stroll in the park.



Work on timing your sword swing The sword is designed for battling your fee up close.



Don't forget that Jonathan can tool down to chock things out.



You can talt through some platforms by jumping, then hitling Button 2 and Down at the samo time.



Search the Daytime Stages for secret rooms. Each has at least one.



Don't open the Pick-up Box until you are ready to leap to get the contents.



It you already have the Double Rock, Single Rock or Axe, avoid the Torch.



Bo cautious when opening a Pick-up Box if there is an enemy above if. You must leap to get the contents and are liable to get hit.



Get up on the shelf and move to the deep left, if it this guy eight times. He's history.



The gray platforms can cliner take you for a ride or a fall. Use them carefully.



When a ghost pops up, wait for him to be tully visible before throwing the Rock.



To throw switches, jump up directly in tronl of them.



To fight the Level 2 hoss, move to the right side of the room and altack. When he pulls at you, but the wall, then altack for a moment and jump the firehalts. Watch for weapon pelick-ups to scroll upward when you get low on shots. Twenty his hits will do him lo.

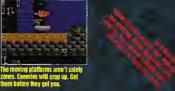


k-up Boxes can be used as step-y stones. Be sure lhere's nothing we them that you wish to reach ore opening. Once opened, you not stand on them.



Push Buttons 1 and 2 simultaneous ly, and Jon will do a Jumping Stas







ese skulls sometimes blast J ih Name. Proceed with cauti



You can't harm this boss. Stay out of its way for seven passes and if will leave of its own accord.



Theso landerns on the floor will light if you touch them. They mark a Con-linue spot. If you die and have any lives left, you will Conlinue trom the last lamp louched.



Find Dr. Van Heising in each Daytime slage and he'll open additional palhs in the next Nightlime area.



WORLD BUP SOBBER



OVERVIEW

Soccer is the most popular game in the world. It's only natural that you should be able to play it anywhera, including on your Game Gear. Tengen World Cup Soccer captures the play and feel of world-class soccer in a solid one-player or two-player Gear-to-Gear contest of speed and skill. In Tengen World Cup Soccer you'll find action, a variety of teams and the ability to go head to head with a bud.

engen World Cup Soccer gives you the choice of 21 international teams and four play options to flavor the mix. Solo play includes the Exhibition Game, which lets you play a single game, as well as the World Cup, which pits your team against 20 other hopefuls in a quest for the world's most elusive and coveted sports prize. When you need a breather, switch to Watch mode, and kick back while the computer kicks in and plays itself. Or choose Link Game and challenge a bud in a Gear-to-Gear contest.

Choose from several offensive and defensive formations to set up your team. The teams have equal, but different, strengths. Some — like Italy — are strong offensively, while others, such as Germany, are buils at delense and goal-tending. Tengen World Cup Soccer delivers lots of passing and sliding defensive action.

Line up your team for the opening move. Tengen World Cup Soccer is a kick.

When shoeting at the goal, oress Vo and Down on the B-Button for left and right shels after kicking.



Try running with the batt rather

than passing at the start.

Stay off the buttons when your goatle's minding the net. Though you don't control your goatle's detensive moves, the opposition seems to score more it you are tagging a bulton during a shot on goat.



When you kick the ball out of bound within your own zone, the opposing team gets a corner kick. You'll get the ball often this way.



When the other team has the batt, stide your player into it and lake to away for a pulck steat.



Passing is critical to advancing the ball, Practice! Practice! Practice!



Point the cursor in the direction you want the goatie to throw.



it's the goalte's turn to show 'em his sign when the ball goes outside the field to the rear of the goal. Use the D-Button and Button 1 to kick.



Ruffio ts Impossible to hil from the front but easily deteated from behind. Jump over him as he begins his dash and attack from the rear. Three hils and the Pan Sword Is



attack this boss as he comes out the bottom door.

in the cliff area, the pirates on bar-

rels take two hits. Time them carefully, because these puys close in on

in the Waterfall region, fly right until

low on lairy dust, then see Tink tor more and repeat. The opening on the

lar right is your exit.



This guy is tough! There's no speci way to beat him, except move putck ly and attack without being hit. Timing is important.

Avoid the Boomerangs, which seem

to home in on Pan, and hit the Pirate



tor trequent stops at Tink for lairy dust and for avoiding balloons.



Ever torward, Move loward the prov of this shtp tor your fight with Hook.



Atter you've jumped the Captain's Hook three limes and tagged htm three times, you are halfway there. The rest of the fight is straight sword battle.



For those of you who'll never grow up, Hook from Sony Imagesoft will brighten your ageless childhood. This fastpaced action game follows on the heels of the hot Sega CD and Genesis versions and follows the storyline of the blockbuster movie. You are an adult Peter, many years after your adventures in Neverland. You may have forgotten about your fun times there, but Captain Hook has not. He's ventured from Neverland to kidnap your children. You have two missions ahead of you: Convince the Lost Boys of your abilities as Pan and rescue your children from the pointy hand of Captain Hook.

he game takes you from the Neverland Forest to the Ice Area, the Lagoon and eventually to the Pirate Ship and a final battle with Capt. Hook. You start this singleplayer cart with three lives and a sword. Along the way you can collect fairy dust (for flying) from your pal Tinker Bell, the Pan Sword, which shoots at a distance and lots of different types of items that restore your life meter and give you extra bonus points.

While the game is fairly difficult and best-suited to gamers who like tough challenges. Hook does have unlimited continues that let you repeat unbeaten stages until you get them right. The translation to Game Gear is superb. From great color to terrific game play and bouncy tunes, Hook Game Gear is a blast. Take on the pirate crew of the infamous Captain Hook, We dare you.

When swimming in the Lagoon, stay to the left and duck the fish coming from the right.



OVERVIEW

Feel like testing your knowledge of trivia? Jeopardy for the Game Gear will let you take on the Jeopardy TV game show challenge. This two-player, non gear-to-gear title from Gametek is a nice chang of pace from other types of games. Its format

crosses all age groups. Jeopardy offers fun - and a little friendly competition - for the whole family. It features digitized graphics from the show, Atex Trebec hosting, the memorable theme music and a wide selection of categories to test your smarts.

eopardy poses answers to questions in six different categories and five different dollar amounts. To win, you must provide the correct question to an answer in a given category. As the dollar amount increases in a category, the answers become more difficult When you know the correct question to an answer, you spell out your response by using the D-Pad to highlight letters of the alphabet. While this can be a little tedious. the 60-second timer keeps you on your toes and the game moving along. Jeopardy also features the popular Daily Double squares, where you have the chance to double your money if you have the correct response, and Final Jeopardy, where you get to bet all your hard-earned bucks on one question - and walk away a winner flush with cash... or with 100 cases of dog food

With more than 400 categones to choose from, leapardy offers everyone an opportunity to win. The game provides a fun format to escape from other gaming fare and discover a challenge of a different nature



you've read the answer. In a twoplayor game, your opponent will use





You can double your risk or your fit on the Daily Double. If you're ind, this is a great chance to get



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When no one gots the correct wer, Alex will set you straight.



You have 60 seconds to input your response by moving the cursor through the field of letters and numbers. Work quickly,



The show's digitized graphics and theme musto will be familiar to Jeopardy fans.





in when an answor is given. If the category is one that you know really well, ring in automatically... other wise read the answer first.

GAME GEAR

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Exocute a crushing Piniall during a Steol Cage Match and your opponent will think twice about getting up. When he's faco down in the canvas, climb up the side of the cage and lumn Down.



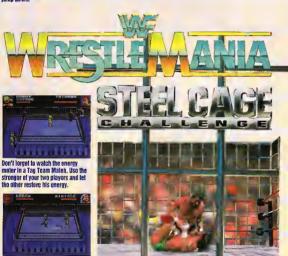
Move outside the ring to regain energy whon you got low. Just be careful, because if you are outsido tor a full 10-count, you'll be counted out.

OVERVIEW

Take on the baddest of the In WWF Steel Cage Challenge from Flying Edge. This one-player sports action title puts you into the dreaded steel cage as any of the top 10 wrestlers on the circuit. WWF Steel Cage Challenge has all the canvas-pounding moves you crave from the world's top wrestlers. You can choose between Tag Team or Individual competition, plus decide where you want to do battle. If the Roped Ring is too tame, challenge your opponent in the Steel Cage.

nter the ring or the steel cage as your favorite WWF superstar - Randy Savage, Hulk Hogan, Brett Hart, Tatanka, Rick Flair Shawn Michaels, Irwin R. Shyster. The Undertaker, Ted Dibiase or Papa Shango — in an Individual or Tag Team match. The muscle moves are WWF supreme. Mix up your choice of headbutts. slams, throws, punches, kicks, elbow drops and aerial attacks like the Flying Clothesline, Flying Dropkick and the Flying Elbow Drop, Climb to the turnbuckle using the D-Pad, then hit Button 1 to floor your opponent with a vicious Flying Elbow Drop, Mastery of the moves is essential to keep your opponent eating canvas. The controls are straightforward and easy to master. The challenge comes in combining moves to counter your competitor's fast - and often sneaky attacks

If you stay up late or wake up early to watch your favorite wrestling superstars, this Game Gear title will fit your style. WWF Steel Cage Challenge is a portable Wrestlefest for WWF fans who can't get enough.



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PowerSlam your opponent into tho

mat when he teast expects it. After he

bounds off the ropes and is charging

towards you, push Buttons 1 and 2 simultaneously. Time this move right

and his charge will tall flat.

The Ctothesiino is particularly effective... and paintul. Execute if by running, then hitting Button 2 when you'ro close to your larget.



Use three- and tour-move combos quickly drop your opponent to his knees.

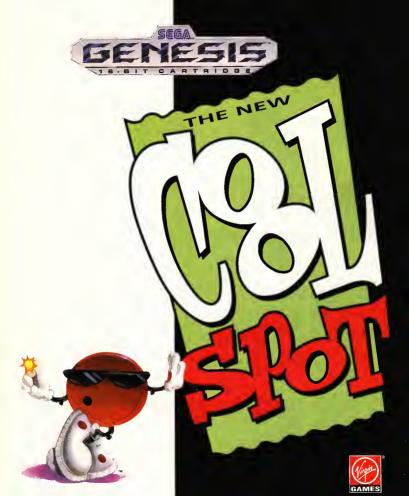


Use all aroas of the ring. The Flying Dropkick is tough to counter.



When your opponent is down and his energy is low, Stomp on him to linish him oft.

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Not all video games are created equal. Some are inspired by movies; others by comic books, board games, books and even records. We all know that the Batman and Superman games were inspired by the blockbuster movies (which were in turn inspired by the comic books that have long been a part of American cul-

BEHIND THE SCENES

ture).

But not everubodu knows the history of two of Sega's recent hits: Chahan and Greendoo, Each of these titles has a uniquely different background, and a story worth telling. Let's visit the creators of these games and take a look behind the scenes

CHAKAN: THE FOREVER MAN

Chakan started as a character from a comicbook series called Thundermace, published by RAK graphics in Akron, Ohio. The character's "dark" edge immediately drew a following and quickly became RAKs most popular character. We recently had the opportunity to talk with Robert Kraus, the creator of Chakan, and Ed Annunziata, the producer of the Chakan Genesis game. Here is what they had to say about this dark and unusual character

How did the character come about

KRAUS: 1 drew a picture in my sketchbook of a cowboy-looking character that looked like a cross between a zombie and Clint Eastwood. I liked it and from there I made up the story of Chakan: The Forey-

Where did the background from the character come

KRAUS: 1 grew up in kind of a tough neighborhood. Some of the violence in the comicbook characters is

How did you become involved with SEGA?

KRAUS: I met Ed Annunziata a few years ago at the Gen Con garning convention. He expressed interest in the Chakan character. We kent in touch over the next few months and eventually came to an agreement about making a game based on the character.

What are your thoughts on the finished game?

KRAUS: 1 couldn't believe how lifelike the character was. It was amazing how they captured the spirit and the character of the comic. I really emoved it.

What got you interested in Chakan?

ED: His face. Then I learned the story, I liked the fact that he was a reluctant super hero. He didn't do things for the good of doing them, he did them because he had to

You were the "champion" of this character from the start. How did you convince SEGA to do the game? FD: Persistence.

How lone was Chakan in development?

ED: About a year and a half,

How were you able to capture the essence of the character? ED: While at Gen Con (a role-playing convention) the

idea of his movements came to me. I figured out the controls and mechanics and most of them were implemented.

What are your thoughts on the finished game?

FD: Chakan was built for the "real" gamer, someone who enjoys and excels at difficult games. In that



GREENDOG: THE BEACHED SURFER DUDE

Ric Green spent his teen-age years on the beaches and trails of Southern California, doing things that average teen-agers do. He surfed, skated, skateboarded, rode dirt bikes and anuthing else that was totally radical. It was from this time in Ric's life that Greendoo emerged. We recently talked to Ric Green, the creator of Greendoo, and Michael Latham, the producer for the Greendoo Genesis came. They both cave us some insight into this unique character's background

How did the Greendog character come about?

RIC: I picked up the nickname in junior high school. The character is like a caricature of myself.

Was there a lot of interest in the character?

RIC: Yeah, the character has since become the basis for the Genesis and Game Gear games and soon there will be a fully animated movie, bed sheets and a board

How did SEGA become involved with Greendag?

RIC: I went to Sega and presented the character to them. After focus-testing it, they decided that he would make a good character for a video game.

What are your thoughts on the finished game?

RIC: It's great! The different levels make it really interesting and challenging. In fact I wouldn't be able to beat the game without the cheat codes.

What does the tuture hold for Greendog?

RIC: Like I said earlier the Greendog animated movie will be out next year. In the meantime I am coming out with a line of T-shirts, action figures, an outdoor water board game and a lot of cool water toys.

Any advice for assiring character designers?

RIC: Go for it. Dudell!

What was your involvement with the Greendog product?

MIKE: I was both the producer and designer. As the designer I had to come up with the storyline, play mechanics and basic level layouts, Greendog was a real group effort with constant feedback from Sega Interactive and the Sega test department. The test department was especially helpful in the "tuning" of the product.

How long was Greendeg in development?

MIKE: Greendog took about a year to develop. The first three months were spent on prototypes, especial-Iv the various vehicles Greendog rides. Also we spent a lot of time figuring out how we could get digitalquality backgrounds to fit into a 4-meg cartridge.



looks. In doing so they created one of the largest main player characters to appear in a 4-meg cartridge

They also created a unique look that hadn't been done on the Genesis before. They did this by placing cartoon-like characters onto photo-realistic backgrounds. Thanks to Maureen, who is one of the industry's best artists, the look worked and we were able to get 8.5 megs of game data into a 4-meg car-

What makes Greendoo such an Interesting character?

MIKE; He represents the average teen-ager, with a cool but slightly awkward look. Unlike most of the violent or cute characters, Greendog can walk the middle line. He isn't violent, but can defend himself if pushed. Ultimately I see him as the protector of pop culture. Whatever our users are into, Greendog can do in his games. Imagine Greendog bungee jumping. dirt-bike racing or jet skiing.

Any lips for the players?

MIKE: The biggest tip is to take your time and enjoy the game. We created Greendog to be a challenge, while still wirmable by any player. Here are three codes for players who might still need help:

Slow motion mode on Pause, then press Down, A. G. Un. Lett. Lett

Slow motion mode off Pause, then press Lett, Right, Up. Bown, A. G

Pause, then press G, A, B, A, Lett

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Road Rash 2

_ Genesis

Here is a code for Road Rash 2 from Electronic Arts: On the title screen push up on the θ pad, hold down button A and θ then on the time series phase up on the to pers, then down under a drive press start. This will give you an awesome bike, the Wild Thing 2000, press start. This will give you an awesome bine, the wind thing court, which goes 200 mph and has Nitrous to boot. Also here are some pass-

wasen goes zoo mind and das mindus to worr, wiso nert words to get into the 2nd and 3rd levels with the bike.

Level 2: 052E 2VOM Level 3: OBNB 3UOR

Meredith Pesek, Fremont, CA

Toe Jam & Earl

- Genesis

Here's how to get one extra life and fill up your energy at any time in the game:

Play until you get an inner tube, rocket skales or learns wings. Next latt back to Level One and open a present with any one of the three items. Fly, skale or float to the bottom left corner of the screen to the Island and latt through the center of the Island. You will be at Level Zero. Now go to the lemonade stand and drink the lemonade, then go to the hot tub and Jump in. It with fill up your life. Fall off the edge and you will be transported to the highest level you have been on during the game.

Brady Kalb. Jasper, IN

CHUCK ROCK

- Game Gear

Level 2: 7609W Level 3: NNGE3 Level 4: 84AKG

Natalie Coffey, Oxford, NJ



Joe Montana '93

- Genesis

All 28 Super Sunday Passwords -I found a code that will enable you to be whatever team you want in the Super Bowl;

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- G BUFFALO
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- Z PHILADELPHIA
- 0 PHOENIX 1 - PHTSBURGH
- 2 SAN DIEGO
- 3 SEATTLE 4 - SAN FRANCISCO
- 5 TAMPA BAY
- WASHINGTON First in the password mode enter one letter or number of the team you want.
 - Finish the code with this: T G Y ? 9 ? K O J. (Example: with Houslon P T G Y ? 9? K O J

Kyle LaBeth, Richmond, TX

Sonic the Hedgehog 2

_ Genesis

First play a normal one-player mode, get 50 rings and go to a Star Post. Get the Chaos Emerald and First play a normal one-blayer mode, get 50 rings and go to a Star Post, bet the Chaos Emerald and then press Resel. When you get to the Start Screen select Options and select amy player, del 50 more rings and head back to the Star Post, You'll automatically have saved your first emerald and will be on muss and noon week to the staff russ, round automatically have saved your first energia and win of the second special stage. Repeat this pattern until you have all seven emeralds. If you want to get Super Sonic, just get 50 rings afterwards.

Nathan Beinhorn, Roseville, CA



Ecco the Dolphin

- Genesis

If you get stumped on Bark Water (level 18) here's the solution: When you reach the Asterlie, bunt lour brown colored globes (it might be any colored globes, but I did the brown ones) then when you're transported back to modern limes swim to the Asterlie, then swim by his globe.

Peter Ownby (no address)

Codes for Ecco the Dolphin - Genesis

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- Genesis

There is a secret room on the first Azlec temple. Before the first pedal copier level, white jumping over the springs that nall you to spikes on the earling, ride the last spring and pull right. You will travel through the spikes and find three treasure chesis worth mondo points. To get down Just walk left.

Eric Csongradi, Hıllsborough, CA



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Board Games and Puzzles

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If your kid brother or sister is a little Older (6 or older), then you may want to try your hand at the new Sonic board game. Two to four players can participate



in this game where you get to move Sonic nn nas yame where you get to max ground Mobius by throwing dice.

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Tiger Electronics has introduced a handheld Sonic game, featuring six stages of fast Sonic action. Just like he does in the Genesis and Game Gear versions, Sonic can do the Super Spin Attack, and pick up powerups like the Power Sneaker for supersonic burst of speed. And you get to battle Robotnik at the end of each stage. Can you handle it?

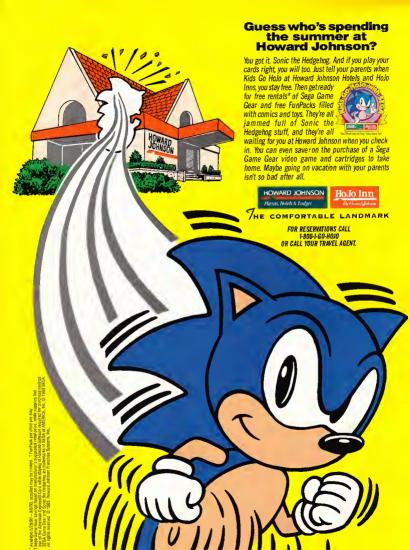
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LaRussa Baseball

With options galore, this baseball title tries to be all things to all players, You can play a single exhibition game, resume a saved game, play an entire season or create your own All Star teams. You can



choose to be your team's manager, with or without control of the players, and take it all the way to the Pennant and the World Series.

On the other hand, while this full-featured cart impressed us with its multitude of features and



options, it failed to keep us entertained and involved. Maybe it was the muffled voices or the frustrating game play due to the sluggish players.

Genesis

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You wake up in Neverland, surrounded by the Lost Boys. From the sound of their chanting, it looks like you caught them at a bad time. Before you can embark on your adventure, you have to run the gauntlet and prove that you are indeed the Pan. Lose a fight, and you revert to your stockbroker alter ego.



With the exception of the sound and music, the Genesis version of the Sega CD hit (see last issue of Sega Visions) is every bit as good as the onginal. Ten big levels take you through a variety of adventures as you try to find your (Pan's) children and destroy the evils that Hook left behind

Genesis

King of the Monsters

Earth has been taken over by super monsters who think nothing of munching on a skyscraper for breakfast. You, O Gargantuan One, are one of them. Your job is to punch out the other monsters. while ignoring the puny Earthlings that are being crushed under your scaly feet. You can choose to play as Astro Guy, Geon, Rockey or Beetle Mania



Your battles take place over four different locations: Megaport, Castle City, Dragon City, with the final showdown in Tokyo, You can also choose from four difficulty levels: Easy, Normal, Hard and Mania.



Although we found the game fairly easy to beat, we thought the two-player mode was fun.

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Games in this section are rated on Music, Plau Controls, Depth & Challenge, and Overall Fun. These ratinns are based on the intensive testing and evaluation carried out bulour reviewers and game counsellors. Ratings are interpreted as

RATING	
EXCELLENT	80-100
VERY GOOD	70-79
G00D	60-69
FAIR	50-59
POOR	BELOW 50

By Electronic Arts		
Category: Sports		
Players: Single, 2P (Comp)		
RATING		
GRAPHICS	63	
SOUND/MUSIC	61	
CONTROLS/GAME PLAY	60	
DEPTH & CHALLENGE	70	
OVERALL BUN	86	

By Sony Imagesoft	
Category: Action/Arcade	
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By Takara

OVERALL FUN

Genesis Bulls vs Blazers



If you're new to basketball games, this latest title from EA is a good one to start with But if you've played Lakers v. Celtics, Lakers v. Bulls or Team USA Basketball, you'll probably find little that is new here. With the same basic engine as the others, and the same options as Team USA, it looks a little like deja vu all over again.



The game features three difficulty levels and a password feature so you can take a break on your way to wnning the championship (which involves quite a commitment — you have to win a best of seven series five times). You can choose from last years playoff teams, or the all-star teams, and play for the championship as your favorite team.

Genesis

Toys

Imagine a world gone mad where toys are weapons and battle against each other. You control one collection of toys (the "good" toys) as you battle your evil brother's collection of "bad" toys through four separate levels.



While we thought the concept behind this game was cool, we found it soon became repetitious. For one thing, three of the four levels had similar floor plans with only minor variations, making it feel more like one long level. For another, the last level was too long and too difficult compared to the rest of the game. On the plus side, we



really liked the animation sequences, but even that wasn't enough to overcome the monotony.

Genesis Journey From Darkness: Strider Returns



Fans of the original Strider will appreciate this title, in which you strive to save a klichapped damsel as you battle hordes of alien creatures. Seven different zones provide plenty of variety, as do the available options. You can choose sword type, number of credits and number of lives, as well as the button layout on your control pad.



We liked the crisp graphics and the imaginative array of bosses (like the mechanized hornet, the dinosaur and the fireball-tossing machine). We also liked the variety of backgrounds, ranging from a lorest scene to a futuristic construction area

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Paperboy

This one's been around the block so many times it's got whiskers. Nevertheless, the Game Gear incarmation of this areade favorite is still good for a challenge. In fact, with no Continues, getting all the way through the game can be quite a challenge.



As in previous versions, your job is to deliver newspapers to your subscribers, tossing them as you ride around on your bike. A bonus stage at the end of each



round has you riding around aiming for targets and avoiding obstacles. You may not always be on target, however, since the %-view perspective can be confusing.

By Electronic Arts	
Category: Sports	
Players: Single, 2P (Comp	
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GRAPHICS	68
SOUND/MUSIC	56
CONTROLS/GAME PLAY	65
DEPTH & CHALLENGE	58
OVERALL FUN	68

By Absolute Entertainment Category: Action/Arcade

layers: Single	
RATING	
GRAPHICS	65
SOUND/MUSIC	58
CONTROLS/GAME PLAY	58
DEPTH & CHALLENGE	69
OVERALL FUN	55

By US Gold
Category: Action/Arcade
Players: Single
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GRAPHICS 70
SOUND/MUSIC 68
CONTROLS/GAME PLAY 73
DEPTH & CHALLENGE 66

By Tengen	
Category: Action/Arcade	•
Players: Single	
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GRAPHICS	58
SOUND/MUSIC	54
CONTROLS/GAME PLAY	60
DEPTH & CHALLENGE	61
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OVERALL FUN

Genesis **Pacific Theater** of Operations

Another strategy title from Koei, this time dealing with the Japanese invasion of Pearl Harbor, the event that inggered America's entry into WWII. You can play either as the Japanese invaders or as the Allied



forces, and your object depends on which side you're playing. If you play as the Japanese, your object is to capture Pearl Harbor. As the Allies, your object is to destroy the enemy invaders.



You can fight nine different scenarios over 10 levels of play. The scenarios all take place during the invasion of Pearl Harbor. While we thought this was a pretty good war simulation, the fact that the computer controls a lot of the fighting made us wish for more interaction.

By Koei	
Category: Strategy	
Players: Single	
RATING	
GRAPHICS	60
SOUND/MUSIC	50
CONTROLS/GAME PLAY	58
DEPTH & CHALLENGE	63
OVERALL FUN	58

Genesis

Wolfchild

The Genesis version of Wolfchild has all the fun, challenge and cool graphics of the Sega CD version. You are



Dr. Kal Morrow's youngest son Saul, and your goal is to defeat the terrorist organization Chimera. Your secret weapon is your ability to mutate into a wolf, and with it. an arsenal of weapons like Plasma Balls, Arc Blasts and Flamers. Six levels of side-scrolling

action take you through the Battle Cruiser, the Biogenetic Lab and the



Ancient Temples, among others with the final showdown in the Chimeran stronghold. Three levels of difficulty should satisfy gamers of most skill levels.

ly IVC	
Category: Action/Arcade	
Players: Single	
RATING	
GRAPHICS	73
SOUND/MUSIC	61.
CONTROLS/GAME PLAY	73
DEPTH & CHALLENGE	68
OVERALL FUN	70

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Genesis

Chester Cheetah

Chester's motorcycle has been stolen, and you need to help him find the pieces as you progress through the five different levels. battling obstacles and bosses as you go. We liked the cartoon quality of the game.



On the other hand, even if you like Cheetos, there's no guarantee you'll like this game. For one thing, it has very little new to offer.



For another, we found the play controls to be a little sloppy. adding to the frustration index. And while we found most of the game to be pretty easy, we thought the last two bosses were uncharacteristically difficult

y Kaneko	
ategory: Action/Arcade	
layers: Single	
RATING	
GRAPHICS	68
SOUND/MUSIC	58
CONTROLS/GAME PLAY	45

DEPTH & CHALLENGE

OVERALL FUN

Genesis

Championship Bowling

Maybe it's because this is the first bowling game for the Genesis. Or maybe its because you can go up against three friends for the trophy, Whatever the reason, we thought this one was a lot of fun



of four bowlers on any of four different alleys. You can also choose the type of game: Spare or Bonus, In the Spare game, you pick up



spares for points (the more difficult the spare, the higher the points), while in the Bonus game, each pin has a point value and you try to score as many points as you can. For the single-player game, you go un against 10 players for the trophy

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snooze,... you lose." So get your copy of THE HUMANS before they're extinct at your store.

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Blaster Master 2

Are you ready to save the world one more time? This time the evil boss has infested the planet with all manner of beasties. You have to destroy all his machines and creatures before you can go up against



him. Sounds like a familiar recipe for a shooter, but we liked the variety of bosses you have to fight: fishes, worms, bees and stone faces, among others.



The game features a total of eight levels, most with both side and overhead views. The overhead portions get more difficult as you get better, keeping you challenged all the way to the end.

Dracula

Here's your opportunity to put Dracula to rest forever. As you track down the evil vampire, you



go up against a succession of bosses that are straight out of the movie. You also get some help along the way — a mysterious old man who tells you which weapons are the most effective against each of the bosses.

We liked some of the graphic sequences, especially the explosions and the wraith-like ghosts. We also liked the way you could



balance your health level against your number of lives.

Crash Dummies

Slick and Spin, our two crash dummy heroes, are trying to earn money for their vacation by undertaking various stunts. Each of the four levels (Easy, OK, Hard and Very Hard) consists of five stages — falling from a building, driving,



downhill skiing, the Ammunition Factory and the Cruise Missile.

Unfortunately, that's the extent of the variety in the game — as



you go from level to level, you realize that the only difference between them is the difficulty factor, and that you have to go through the same stums over and over. While we thought some of the animations were cool, we were put off by the repetitive nature of the game.

Arch Rivals

If you're looking for a basketball game for your Game Gear, welcome to the only game in town. Play against an assortment of teams (which get progressively



more difficult) in single-player mode, or hook up a Gear-To-Gear for some one-on-one with a bud.

So much for the good news. On the negative side, we thought the play controls could have been improved considerably — as it



was, it was difficult to score when you were going down court. We also found it a little low in the fun department.

By Sunsoft	
Category: Action/Arcade	
Players: Single	

RATING	
GRAPHICS	68
SOUND/MUSIC	66
CONTROLS/GAME PLAY	65
DEPTH & CHALLENGE	64
OVERALL FUN	70

By Sony Imagesoft Category: Action/Adventure Players: Single

RATING		
GRAPHICS	63	
SOUND/MUSIC	63	
CONTROLS/GAME PLAY	68	
DEPTH & CHALLENGE	63	
OVERALL FUN	65	

By Flying	Edge
Category	Action/Arcade
Players: 5	Single

RATING	
GRAPHICS	58
SOUND/MUSIC	46
CONTROLS/GAME PLAY	58
DEPTH & CHALLENGE	60
OVERALL FUN	50

By Flying Edge	
Category: Sports	
Players: Single, 2P (Comp)	
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Heu, fellow gamers! Here's a peek at the titles planned for release over the next few months. Of course, new titles are popping up all the time, so the list may change slightly. We'll let you know if that happens. Meanwhite, here are some titles we can all look forward to for the next few months

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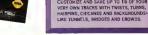






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